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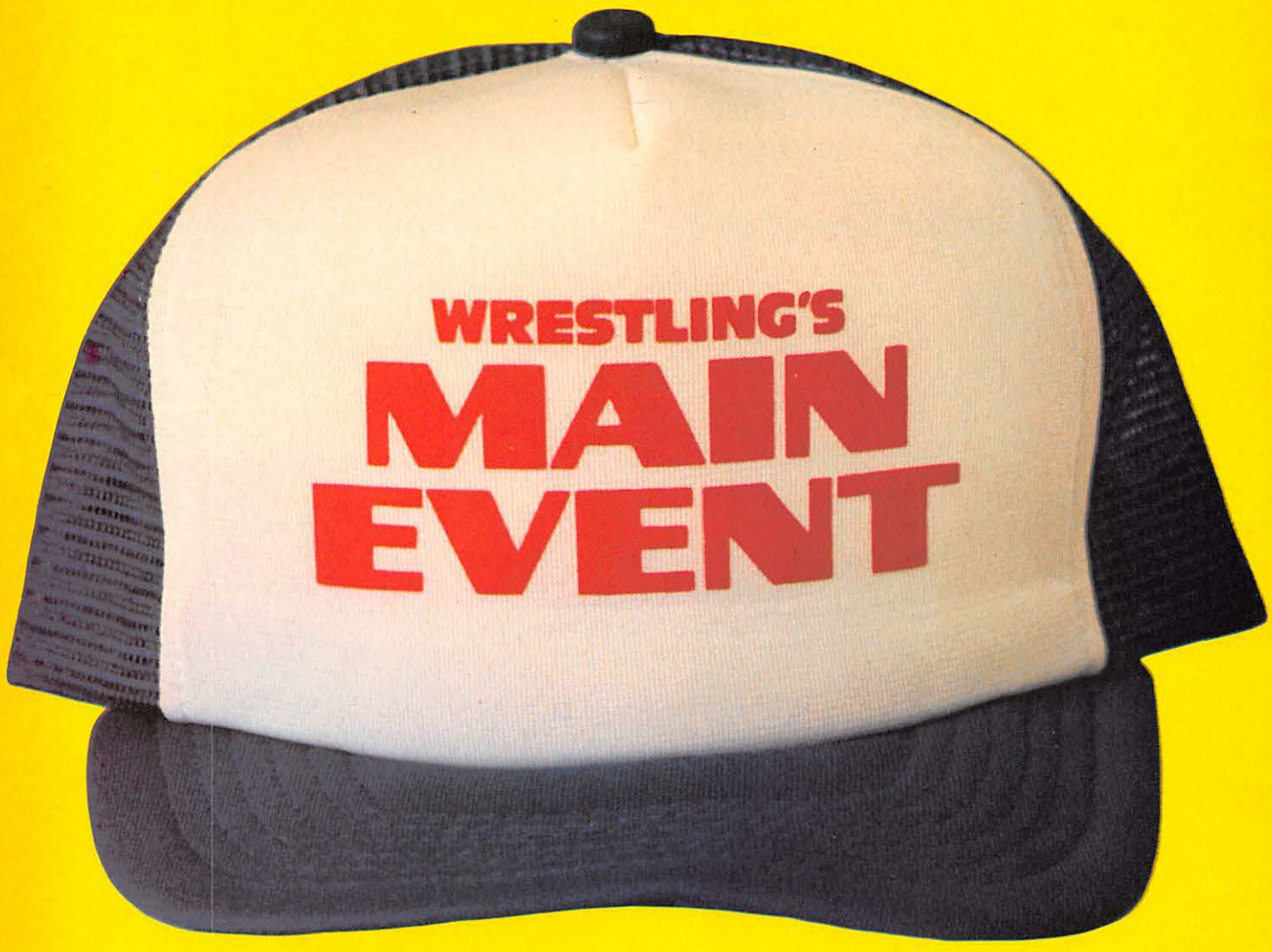

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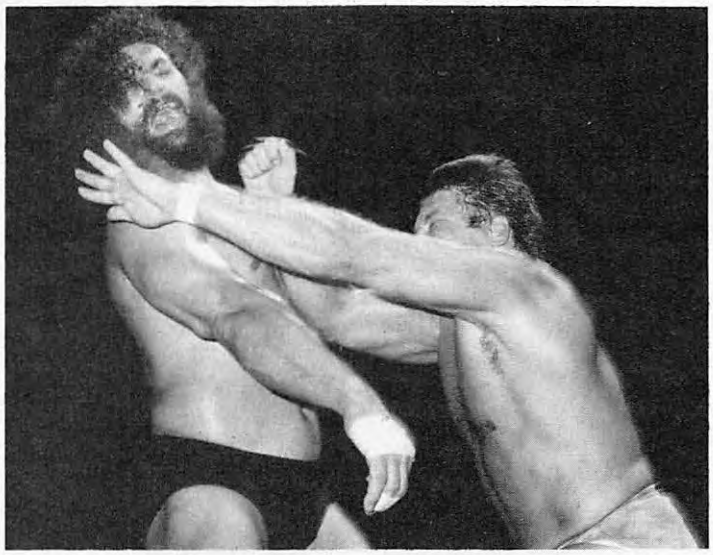

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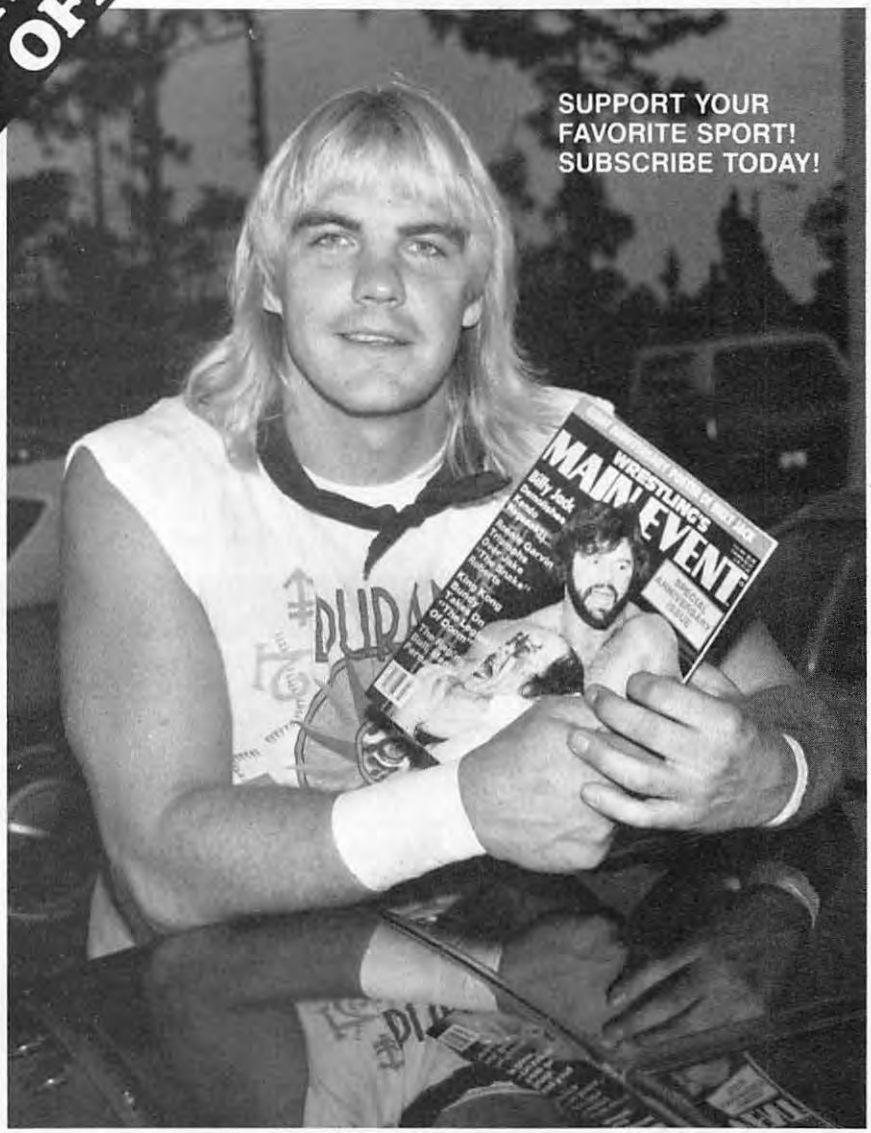

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Wendi and Cyndi exult in victory.

The success of the 1984 Olympics owes much of its laurels to the inspirational achievements of the great women athletes who demonstrated courage, talent, grace and sportsmanship that equaled and in some cases surpassed their male counterparts.

Joan Benoit's remarkable marathon, to cite one example, proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that not only could women participate in events as grueling as any man's but in the process make it look astonishingly easy. In fact, as Joan outdistanced the rest of the field to win handily, she ran her victory laps looking as if she had just left the starting gate instead of just completing a distance of over 26 miles. It's hard to believe that until recently women were thought to be too fragile to run more than 400 meters.

True, that Bart Conner, Peter Vidmar and Mitch Gaylord showed the world a dazzling display of strength and grace in gymnastics but it was Mary Lou Retton who captivated millions and brought gymnastics to new heights of recognition that has children and parents lined up outside gyms for registration in gymnastic programs.

Therefore it is with great pride that for the first time since we began publishing WME a woman wrestler has been chosen Wrestler of the Month. Wendi Richter, under the guidance and inspiration of that shining example of 1984 womenkind Cindi Lauper, did what many thought was the impossible. She defeated a living legend, the Fabulous Moolah, who had held her title for an incredible 27 years. We at WME chose Wendi unanimously for our recipient of the Wrestler of the Month title and wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the new champion whose reign we hope will be a long and happy one. But let's not lose sight of the accomplishments of her opponent. For no matter how dutifully Wendi defends her title, Moolah's achievement of holding her title for almost three decades will never be equaled.

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FABULOUS ORIGINALS

Thank you so much for the "fabulous" centerfold of the original Fabulous Ones, Steve & Stan, in your August issue. I've been a fan of the Fabs ever since they first began wrestling in the Memphis area. I was heartbroken when they left our area, but now I couldn't be happier for them. They are finally getting the matches and exposure they deserve. As for the rumors that Steve and Stan left due to the fact they didn't care for their Memphis fans, any *true* fan would know just how much they do care.

To the "new" Fabulous Ones, Tommy Rich & Eddie Gilbert, I extend heartfelt sympathy. As single wrestlers, you're great, guys! But you need to think twice before you try to fill Steve & Stan's shoes.

They may often be imitated but will *never* be duplicated!!

Sharon B.
Rector, Ark.

WONDERFUL WENDI

First of all, let me compliment you on a great magazine. I just sent in my subscription notice this month.

I love wrestling and one of my favorites is Cowgirl Wendy Richter. I'm very happy she won the belt for the Women's Championship. She is a great wrestler and she deserved the belt and I know she wil defend it the best she can and will hold the title for a long time.

Tammy Strohl
Kunkletown, PA

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I just received the September 1984 issue. I think it's the greatest issue WRESTLING'S MAIN EVENT has ever put out. I would like to compliment Phyllis Puckett on her fabulous article on "Macho Man" Randy Savage. Finally someone has given Randy Savage the coverage he deserves. And my compliments also go to George Napolitano for his magnificent article on Superstar Bill Graham. Like Graham said, he is the most muscular man in professional wrestling and I promise every wrestling fan reading this magazine, Billy Jack will fall to Graham's wrath.

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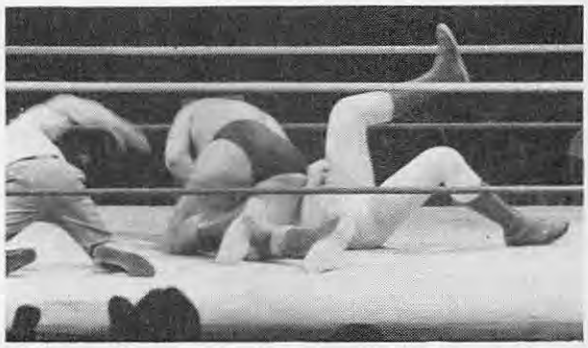

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Also in the near future can you do a story on Mil Mascaras or the WWF?

Gary Dudash
Linden, NJ

Ed. Note: Mil is a favorite of ours, too, and will be featured soon.

WME COVERS KERRY BEST

I loved the story you did on Kerry Von Erich winning the NWA title in the August 1984 issue of WME. I thought that the way you made the story (by encounters) was the best way to do it; the way you gave all the details of the cage match, and Kerry being attacked by Kabuki. I also thought that the pictures were awesome and the only way to improve them would be to have them in color.

I feel that WME had the best stories on the matches that I've read. I saw the Parade of Champions on TV, and I saw the NWA title go to Kerry, and WME covered it the best.

Chad Brown
Middleboro, MA

ADVICE TO THE WWF

Fans of the WWF are getting tired of seeing the same wrestlers every week.

I'm not saying that the WWF isn't good, I'm just saying that we want to see different wrestlers other than Paul Orndorff, Tito Santana, Iron Sheik and Greg Valentine. Besides, most of the time the fans know who will win.

The WWF should try to get wrestlers like Dusty Rhodes, The Road Warriors, Adrian Street and Abdullah the Butcher. Maybe these wrestlers could brighten up the WWF a little. So please! Take my advise.

And another thing, if Cyndi Lauper is so mad and upset with the "Fat Slob" Lou Albano, why is Lou in Cyndi's new video "She Bop".

I mean really they went through so much aggravation, and had a wrestling match set up and now he's in Cyndi's new video. Why doesn't she make up her mind. Is she or isn't she mad at "Fat" Lou?

Brian Vincent
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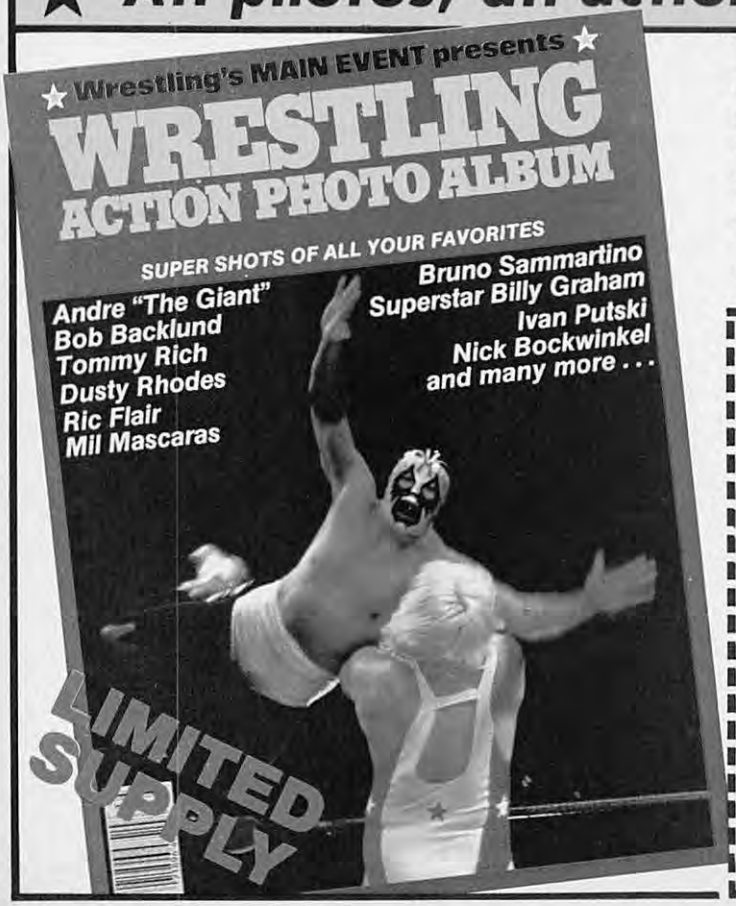

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We would like to welcome you to another edition of Wrestling's MAIN EVENT. Since our last edition Hulk Hogan continues to dominate the WWF. The Hulk recently scored a victory over Greg "The Hammer" Valentine in Madison Square Garden and now the Spoiler is hot on his trail. The Spoiler is the same man who gave Pedro Morales quite a bit of trouble during the middle seventies when the sensational Puerto Rican held the title. Also high on the Spoiler's list is the "Eighth Wonder of the World" Andre the Giant. But the Spoiler will definitely have his problems with Andre. . . .

Universal champion, Carlos Colon has been expanding his horizons lately. Besides wrestling throughout the Caribbean Colon has also been appearing in the Carolinas and in Texas. In Texas, Colon has formed quite a successful combination with talented Al Perez. The two Latins simply compliment each other perfectly. . . .

Indian Chief, Jules Strongbow has been wrestling in the World Class Territory. Jules is hoping to rejoin his brother Jay in the WWF. . . .

The Fabulous Freebirds are now the scourge of the East Coast. Hayes, Gordy and Roberts are truly a remarkable group and should give Adrian Adonis and Dick Murdoch quite a battle for the WWF tag team title. . . .

The Crusher and the Baron continue to hold on to the AWA tag team title despite strong opposition from the Road Warriors. Also competing in the AWA are the sensational Fabulous Ones: Stan Lane and Steve Kiern. They are really good. . . .

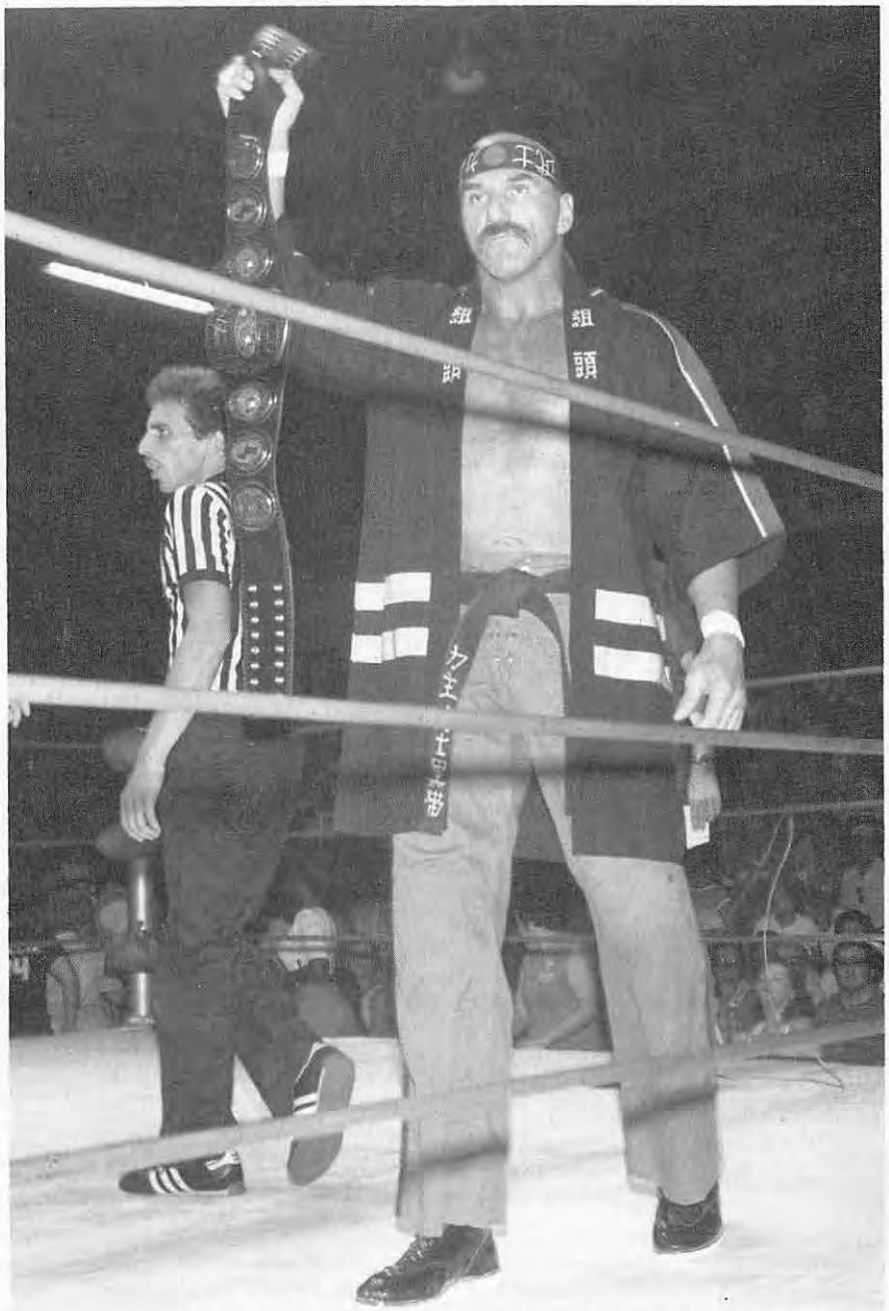
Returning to the Caribbean scene are Barry Windham and Mike Rotundo. Both grapplers are destined to be future World champions. . . .

King Konga, the Barbarian has been terrorizing the Caribbean. Konga is wild and crazy and holds the North American championship. . . .

Ric Rude and valet Angel have been causing quite a stir in Mid America. Rude has constantly battled "The King", Jerry Lawler for the Southern belt. . . .

Satanical Kevin Sullivan is still doing his thing in the Sunshine state. Sullivan has now aligned himself with Superstar, Billy Graham. . . . Steve Regal is still the proud owner of the US Junior title.

Playboy Buddy Rose has changed his ways and is now a rulebreaker in the Pacific Northwest. . . .



Superstar Billy Graham has aligned himself with Kevin Sullivan.

Hangman Bobby Jaggers should be making his presence felt in the Northwest in the very near future. Jaggers was born in the state of Washington and this will be the first time in his twelve year career that he will be returning home. . . .

The Invaders and the Medics have been battling throughout the Caribbean. The Medics now own both the World's tag team belts and the North American belts by virtue of their recent victory over the Invaders in Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan, Puerto Rico. But the Invaders are determined to regain both honors. . . . Adrian Street and Miss Linda are competing in the Mid Atlantic area. . . . Who is the "new" Dusty Rhodes now wrestling in Florida? . . .

The wild Sheepherders recently faced their toughest test when six hundred pounds of the Zambuie Express barreled through Texas. In their first few meetings Kareem Muhammed and Elizah Akeem really gave it to the crazy New Zealanders but then the Sheepherders rebounded and sent the Zambuies packing. Now the Zambuies have turned up in the Mid Atlantic area. . . .

The Rock-n-Roll Express, Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson are back in the Tennessee area and are wooing the fans with their sensational tag team style. . . .

Ron Bass here with Black Bart continues his rampage in Florida.

Wahoo McDaniel continues to be a vicious rulebreaker in the Mid Atlantic. Wahoo would love nothing better than to win the NWA World's title from Ric Flair. . . .

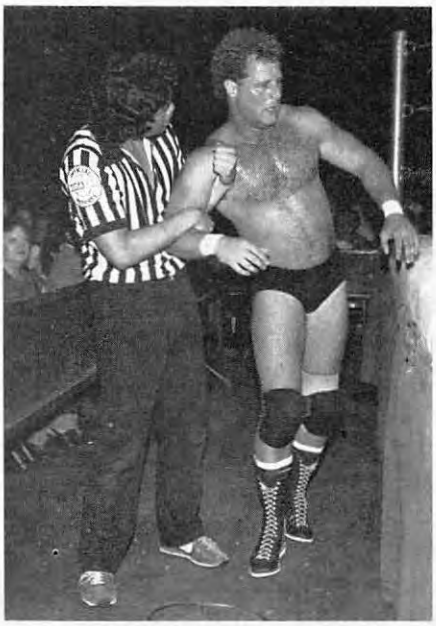
Another man hot on Flair's trail is the sensational ex-champ, Kerry Von Erich. Kerry nearly regained the World's crown in San Antonio, Texas in a wild bout which saw the champion lying flat on his back when the one hour time limit expired.

B. Brian Blair has been teaming with Spike Huber in St. Louis.

The Blair-Huber team has looked very sharp in recent tag battles. . . .

Rowdy Roddy Piper has begun a campaign to try and get Wendi Richter's victory over the Fabulous Moolah over-turned. It's Piper's contention that interference by Cyndi Lauper caused the Fabulous Moolah to lose her crown after twenty-seven years as champion. . . . Barry Windham has driven Dick Slater out of Florida.

Keep your eyes on Desiree Pe-



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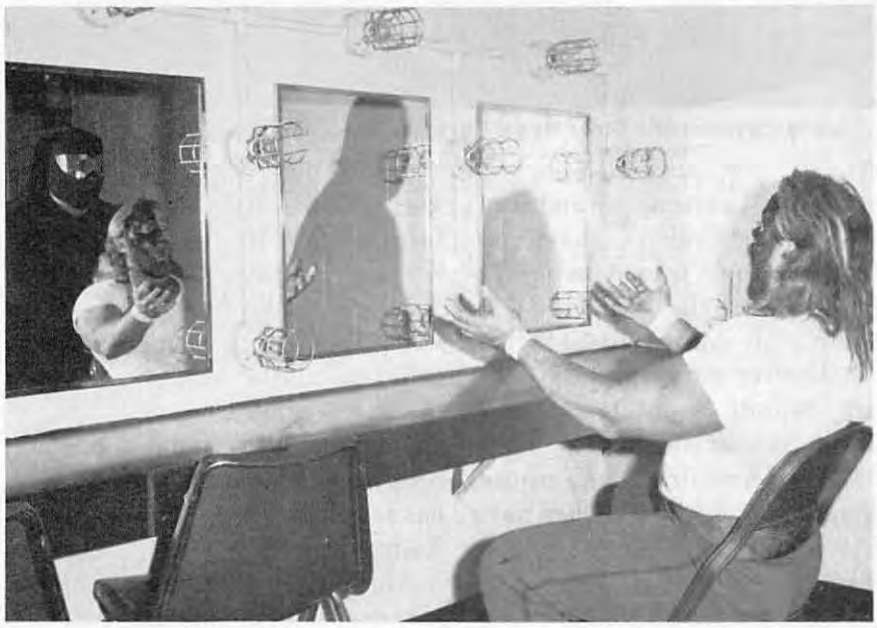

A haunted Kevin Sullivan is still terrorizing Florida.

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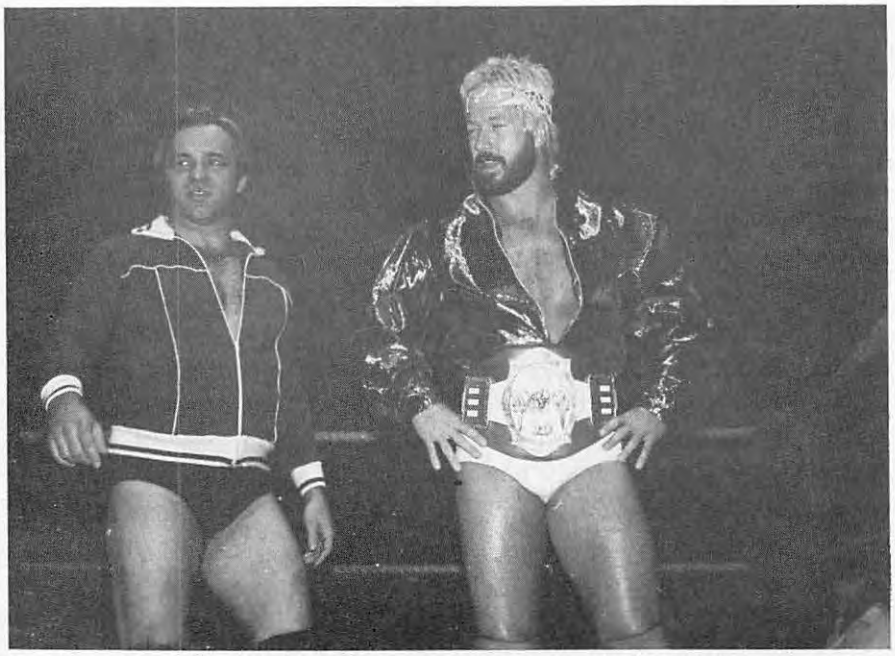
Dick Slater is a dangerous man.



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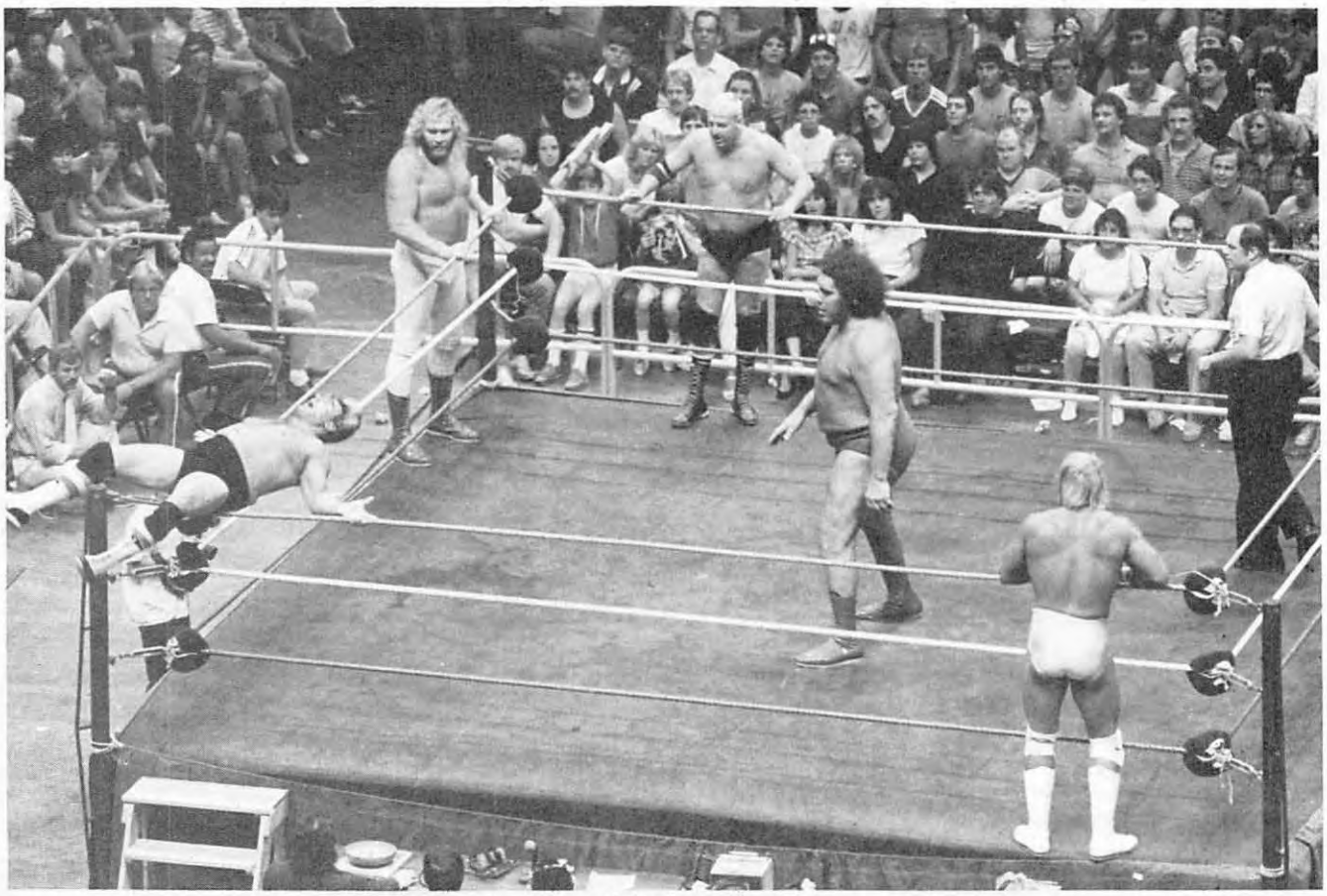

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ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER: THE SADIST TERRORIZING MIDWEST WRESTLING

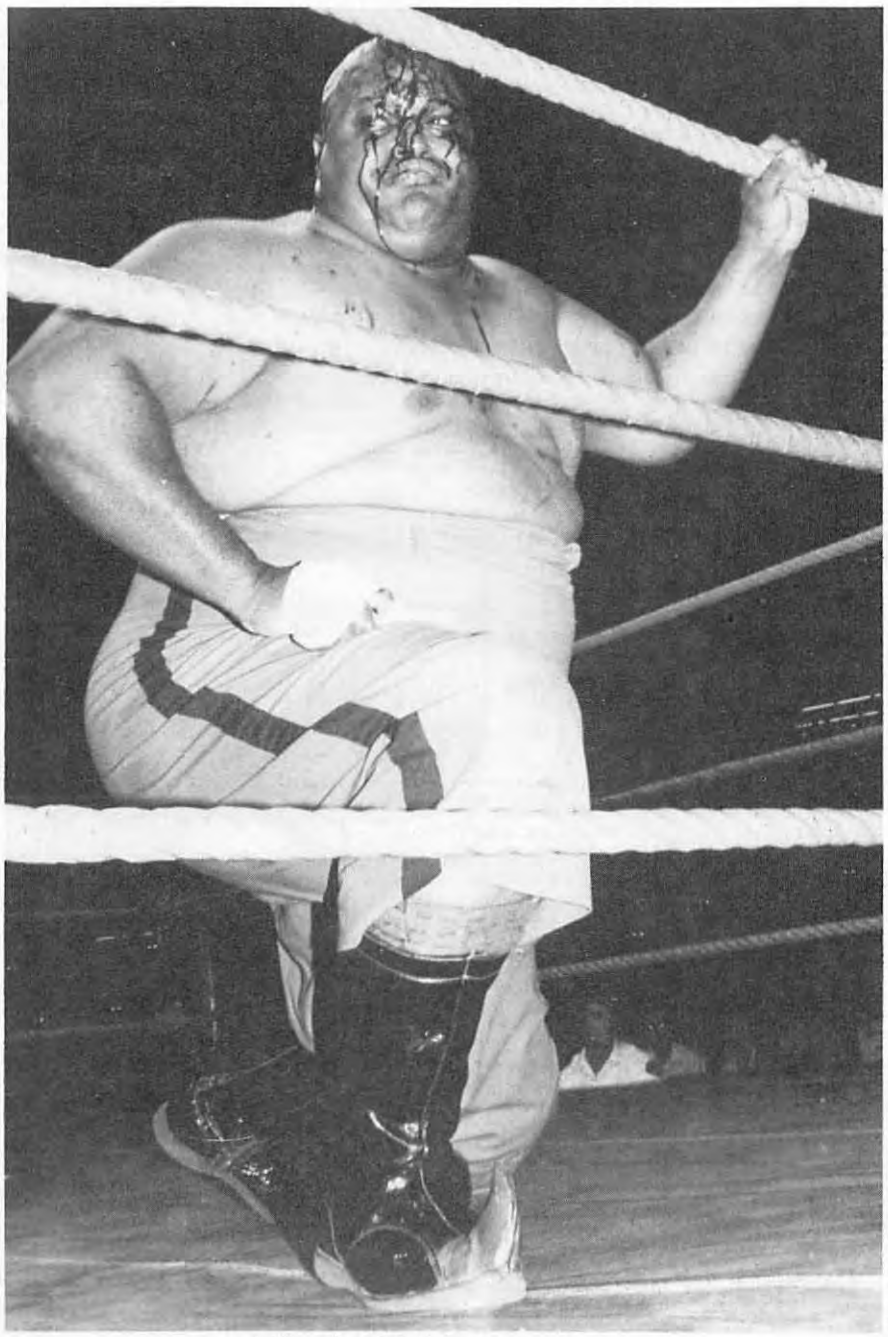
by Kathy Dowd

Professional wrestling today has some very cold, hateful villains who like nothing more than to hurt their opponents. But one wrestler in particular who stops short of nothing from mangling to mauling to butchering up his foes is the sadist from Sudan, Abdullah the Butcher.

The man has been nicknamed Butcher for a very good reason. The heavyweight will literally cut up his opponents like butcher does with animals ready for the slaughterhouse. Blood flows freely from his opponent's head with wounds caused by the Butcher's foreign objects. The skin, sometimes white, black or red, hangs out like raw meat being ready to dry. And what does this Sudanese killer say about his wicked ways? Nothing but laugh uncontrollably. The face of Abdullah the Butcher is as strange and foreboding as an unearthly creature from a Sci Fi shocker. Those eyes produce such a glassy stare and the stillness within them is as frightening as those of a bloodthirsty zombie.

If a man ever walks away without serious injury after wrestling Abdullah, he has proven himself. Some of the bravest men in wrestling who have stepped into the ring with him have received the beatings of their lives. Wrestlers like Wahoo McDaniel, Dusty Rhodes and Ric Flair have met this man head on in the ring and emerged victorious but not before receiving tremendous punishment, agony and less of pint fulls of blood.

No matter where Butcher has been, be it St. Louis, New York, Baltimore, Japan, Charlotte, or Atlanta . . . fans know one thing, he will leave a mark of blood and guts for people to remember him



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A bloody Abdullah regroups.

by. Having left for dead opponents in the Mid Atlantic, Georgia and Florida; Abdullah has decided to invade and terrorize the only area left that has remained unscathed, the AWA.

Promoters Wally Karbo from Minneapolis and Gene Reed from Denver have expressed fears that he may cause someone serious injury and have tried to get him banned from the sport, but after seeing the Butcher in action some wrestlers have begged and pleaded to let the sadist stay as they want to revenge against his evil ways and means. A prime example of what the Butcher can do is a recount of what he and partner Bruiser Brody did to "their brother" Jerry Blackwell after a recent St. Paul wrestling match.

Now being managed by Sheik Adnan El Kaisy, Abdullah and Brody (by order of El Kaisy have turned on Crusher and mangled him so badly that he was out of commission for several months. Blackwell had won the $10,000 battle royal when suddenly Adnan ordered Brody and Abdullah to attack brother Jerry because he would not share the money with them. They went after Blackwell like starving wolves attacking helpless prey. They smashed cowbells over his head, swung chairs across his neck and plunged foreign objects into his skull. Yes, the giant Stone Mountain of a wrestler who has brutally attacked scores of wrestlers was brought to his knees in pain and agony.

Other wrestlers like Jerry Blackwell have also been bludgeoned and savaged by this sub-human being. Baron, Steve Olsonoski and now Crusher have all fallen prey to him.

Abdullah bites down hard on the Crusher.

Abdullah enters in traditional Sudanese garb.

Abdullah readies himself for battle.

Now many midwestern wrestling fans aren't used to Abdullah's insane wrestling technique. Will they be able to control their emotions after witnessing brutal attacks on their favorites by the madman from Sudan. Fans know that most AWA refs won't put up with any guff from any wrestlers be it Greg Gagne, Nick Bockwinkel, Brad Rheingans or Bobby Hennan, yet will they be able to control this lunatic who laughs when opponents are carried off in ambulances rushed to the hospital?

Once Abdullah enters the ring, all wrestling rules leave that ring. Wrestlers who haven't seen Abdullah in action had better view some tapes of the few matches of the Butcher before signing their names on the dotted line.

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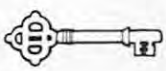

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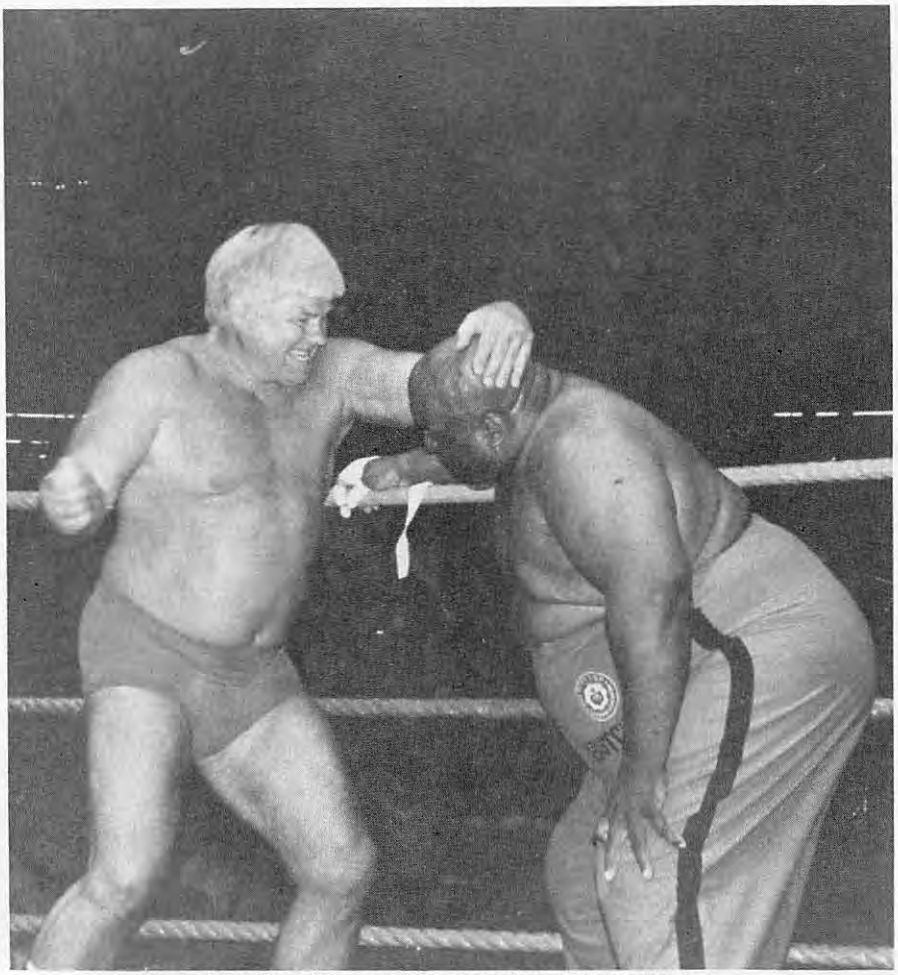

The Crusher pounds Abdullah relentlessly.

Abdullah pounds away at Carlos Colon.

tling rings, there is only one question on the minds of wrestling personalities and fans alike. Can AWA wrestlers survive this foreign object-welding, liver munching, animalistic sadist known as Abdullah the Butcher? Only time will tell. But will there be any wrestlers left after Abdullah leaves the area to do the telling. Maybe that's the real concern. Will anyone be left to tell about him? □

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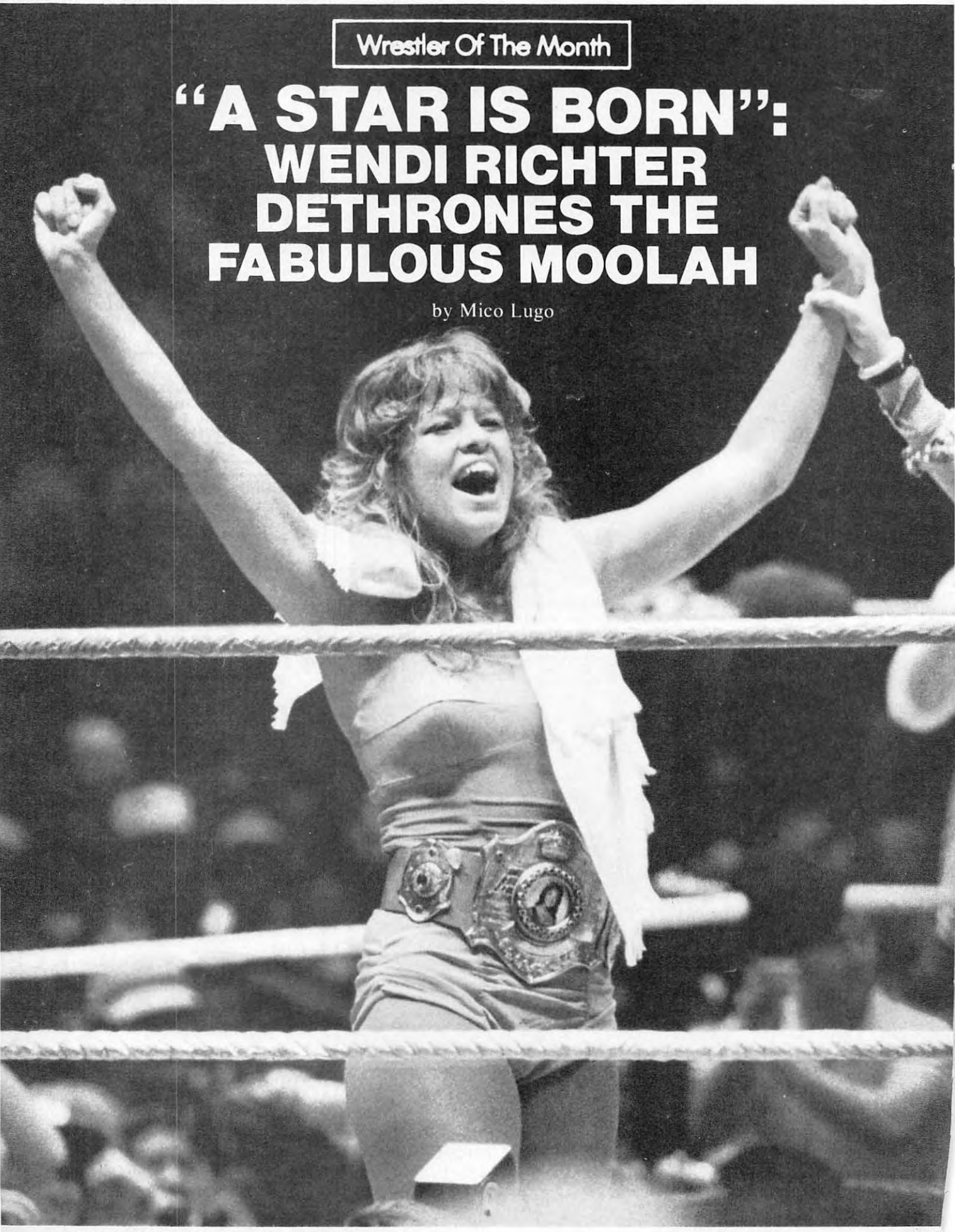
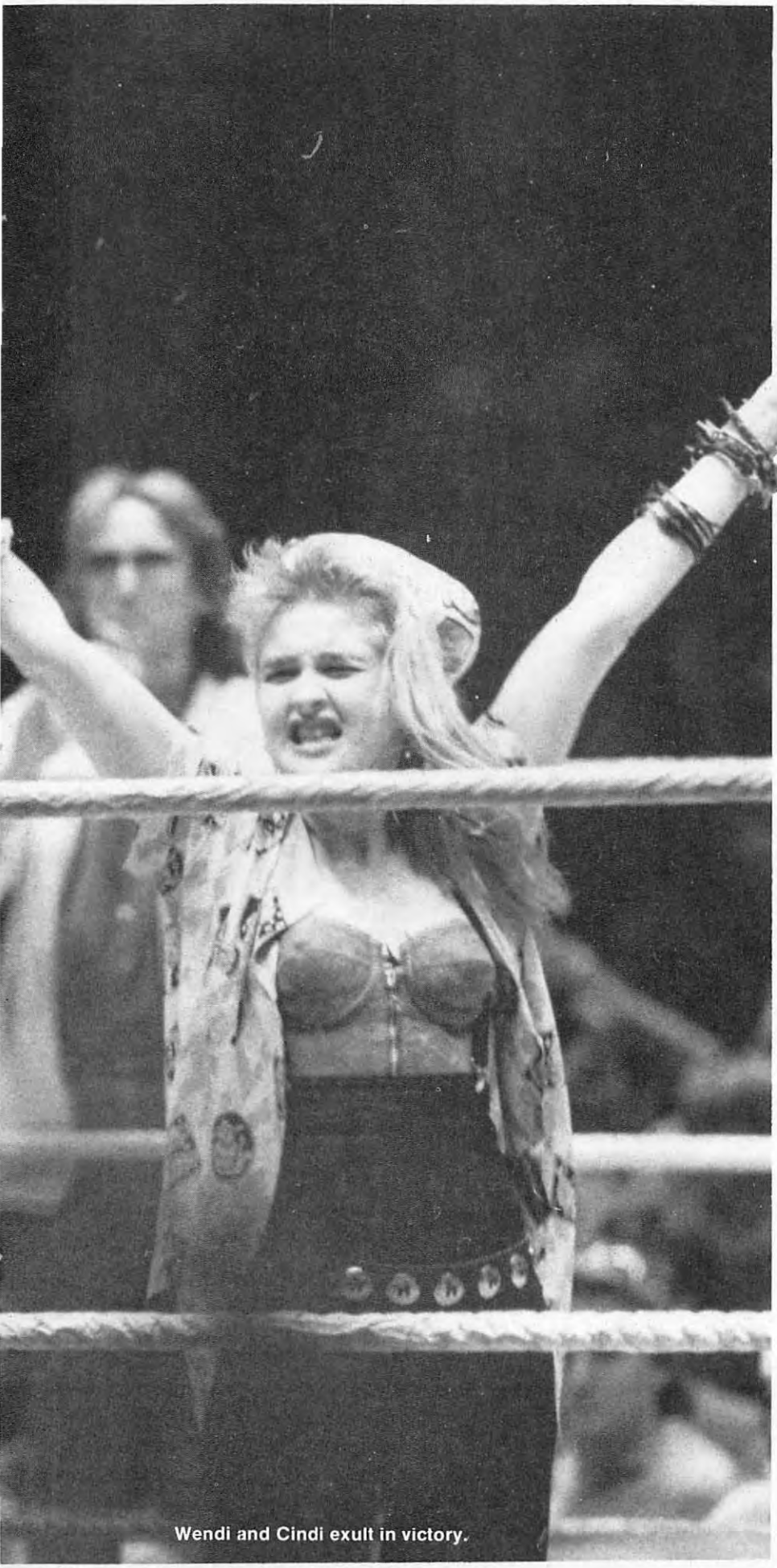
by Mico Lugo





Wendi and Cindi exult in victory.

Cindy what's her name? Oh! Who cares. I don't want to bore you by rehashing what Cindy and Albano have been doing with each other the last two months. All I know is, that I never noticed Cindy in the video. I only saw the Captain. Everyone that I know had never heard of what's her name, until they saw her with The Captain. I am sure that Cindy used Albano for that reason. Now she wants to be a wrestling manager, in case her musical career comes to a halt! That's a smart move Cindy. Not everyone is Mick Jagger!

Enough with the small talk. Let's go to the beef. The beef is that history was made on the night of July 23, 1984 in MSG. Someone had finally got Moolah's numbers. Wendi Richter, who has come so close to beating Moolah on several occasions, has at last reached the top. In my article in last month's issue THE HULK's NIGHT, I mentioned that Moolah had beaten Richter. It was a very good match. That battle kept you on the edge of your seat. But as has happened so many times before, the Fabulous One was the victor.

The Fabulous Moolah who won the Woman's Title in March of 57 was or is the greatest champion of all time. That title reign will go into the books forever. She has beaten everyone that there was to beat. Twenty seven years is a long time to be on top. It also means that one is getting older. I've heard people say that Moolah is older than dirt. Age took its toll on this night and the title changed hands. Cindy's training did not win Wendi the Championship. Wendi gave it all she had. But the fact still remains that father time had beaten The Fabulous Moolah.

Wendi Richter was in the right place at the right time. Everything was going her way. The pressure was on Moolah and Albano to prove their worth. Wendi has lost

to Moolah so many times before that no one really expected her to win. Moolah herself must have been tired of beating Richter.

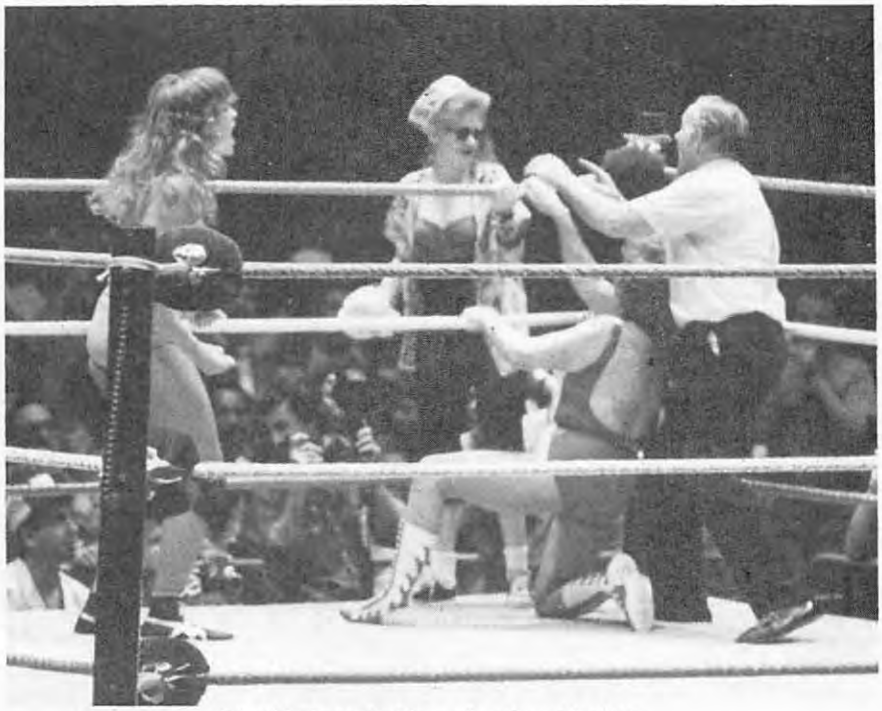
The Fabulous Moolah and Albano came into the ring first. Then Wendi and her "manager" came out to the tune of GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN. The crowd was singing along. Wendi looked her usual self. She is always in shape. The only difference that I noticed was the punk look glasses and earrings. Moolah did not have that killer look. She looked defeated even before the match began. The principles then got ready and the bell rang.

Moolah runs our first and gives Wendi a single arm take down. Wendi returns the favor. Moolah throws Wendi out on to the announcers' table. Wendi gets back in and Moolah hurts her quickly. Wendi fights back. Wendi doesn't seem to be doing so good. The battle turns a few times, with both getting good shots at the other. Ms. Lauper even got into the act by hitting Moolah with a towel. It's funny, Moolah has been hit by flying chairs, and has not gone down. I think that "Ms. Wholesome" had something in that towel other than her hand! Wendi made all she could of the opportunity. She gave the champ a back breaker and a Suplex, wrapped her in the ropes, and landed a few good licks to the lower back. Moolah then turned the tide once more. She went for the cover and at the count of two pulled Wendi up. Moolah then threw Wendi into the turnbuckle, and hurt her with a few head shots to the corner. Moolah went behind Wendi and rolled her over for the pin. Wendi is on top of Moolah as Moolah goes into a wrestler's neck bridge. At the count of two Ms. Richter lifted her right shoulder off the mat and the count of three was given. A deadly silence came over the Garden. Moolah raised her hand in victory.

That was to be the last time that Moolah would raise her hand as champ. Wendi Richter was now the World's Woman Champion. History was made. I was there at ringside. The joy on Wendi's face could have lit up New York for a year. I give her my best and hope she holds on to the title for a long time.

Other bouts of the night: Sika (Samoan) defeated Ron Shaw. The Iron Sheik defeated Tony Garea. Tito Santana and Bob Orton Jr. fought to a draw. (Best bout of the Night) Bob Backlund defeated Butcher Vachon. Hulk Hogan played with Greg Valentine. Antoni Anoki defeated Charlie Fulton. Adonis and Murdoch defeated Sgt. Slaughter and Daniels. Paul Orndorff defeated Chief Jay Strongbow. (Chief should call it quits already.) □

Wendi's Flying Dropkick catches Moolah.



Cindi is tempted to unload on Moolah.

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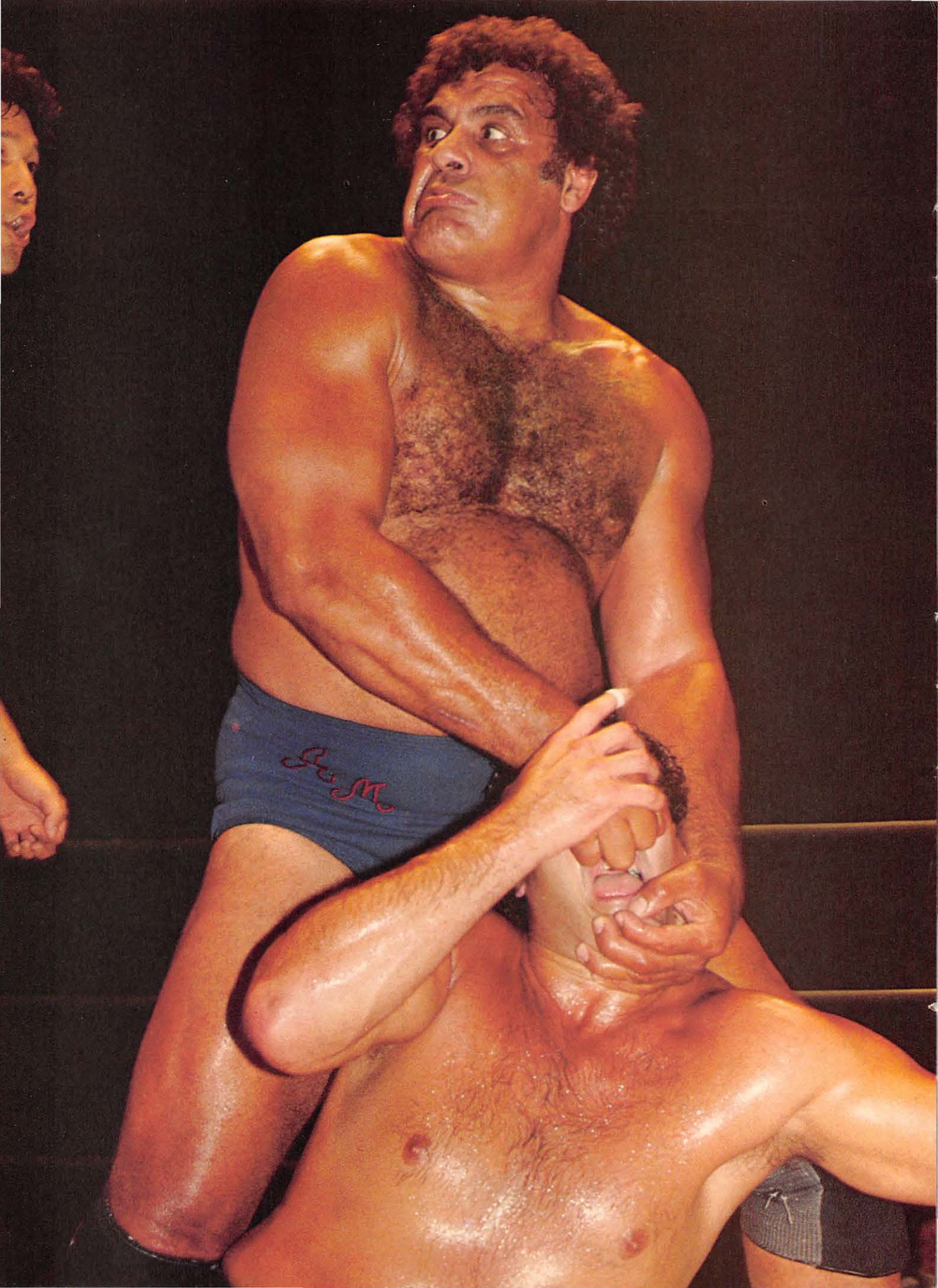


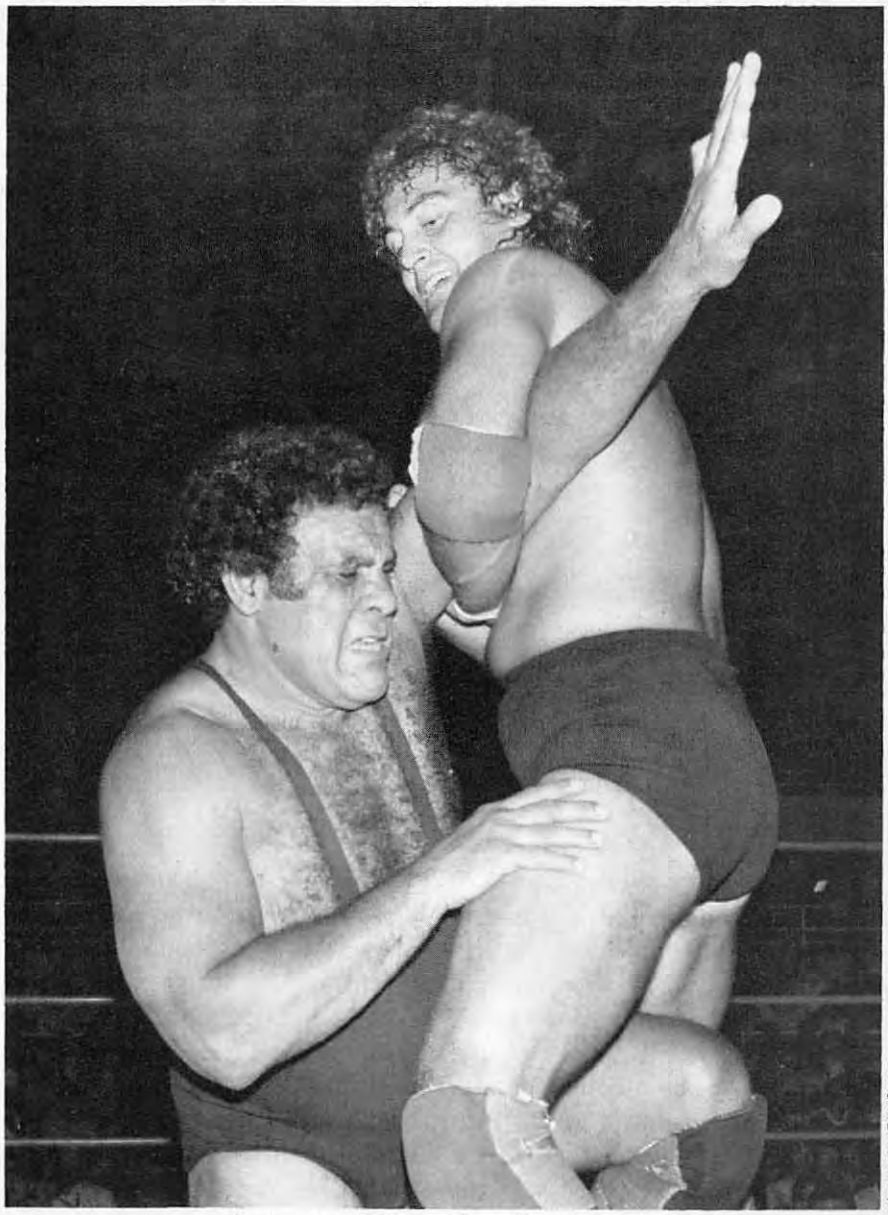
ANGELO MOSCA BLARES: "MIKE ROTUNDO IS A DISGRACE!"

by George Napolitano

"Mike Rotundo is a disgrace to the Italian people and the whole human race!" blared big Angelo Mosca. "I showed that no good, two bit guinea punk a thing or two and now he's in hiding. Anyway, it's about time that somebody taught that creep a lesson. He thought he was big and bad, sort of God's gift to women. Well, he ain't big and bad no more and the broads don't like him much since I disgraced him. Mike Rotundo is good, I'll admit that, but the punk just got in over his head. You don't ever mess with Angelo Mosca and think you're coming out on top. It just doesn't happen that way. I've been on top in this business more years than I care to remember and punks like Mike Rotundo just get me sick. He hasn't paid his dues and yet he parades around like he's some sort of big shot. Well, that one time big shot is now just a blank thanks to good old Angelo Mosca."

Angelo Mosca was in usual form. The tough Canadian had just finished off a case of beer and was holding court in his favorite spot in Tampa. The big man was belittling everyone he could think of. No one was spared Mosca's barbs, least of all, Mike Rotundo. "Everytime I think of that little twerp I want to barf," Mosca said. "It's sort of the same sensation I get when I think of some of the bum promoter I've worked for in my career. Actually they all stink just like this here Rotundo character. He didn't show me any respect so he got what he deserved. Now he's floating around somewhere in Tampa Bay crying his eyes out. What a pity! He deserved it! And, he'll get plenty more."

When Mike Rotundo agreed to put his Southern Heavyweight title on the line against Angelo Mosca many people were hoping to see a scientific encounter. When Angelo Mosca last wrestled in Florida the big man had become sort of a folk hero. He has changed his mean and



Rotundo applies an Arm Bar.

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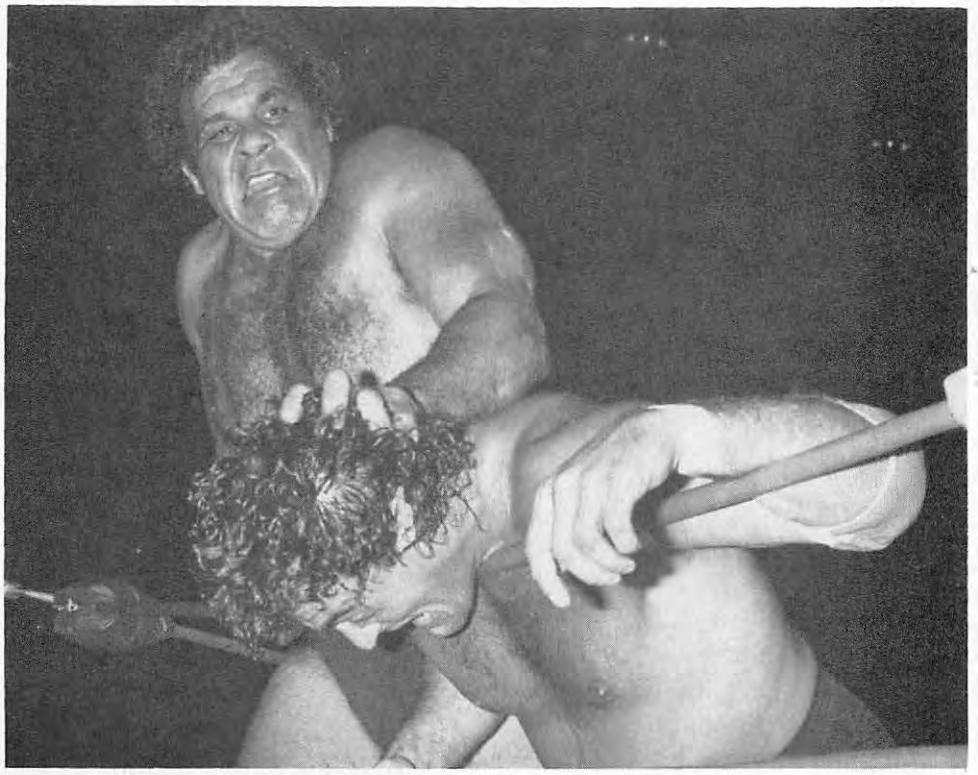
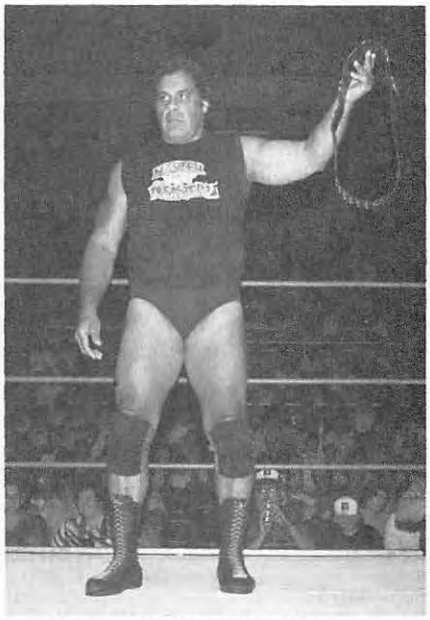
Angelo Mosca with his Southern Heavyweight championship belt.



Mosca chokes Rotundo on the ropes.

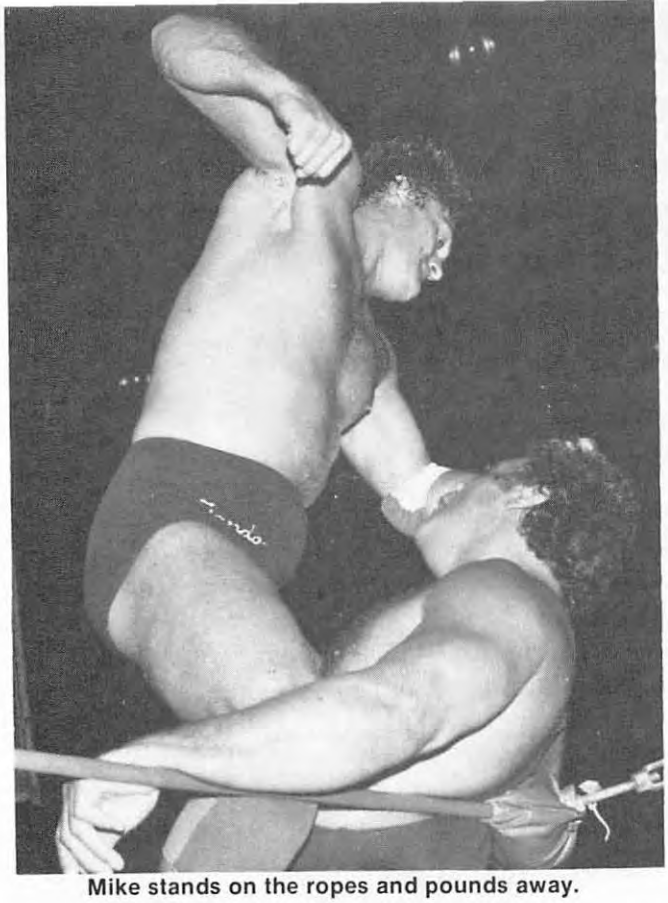
Mosca tries for the pin.



Mosca's shirt says it all.

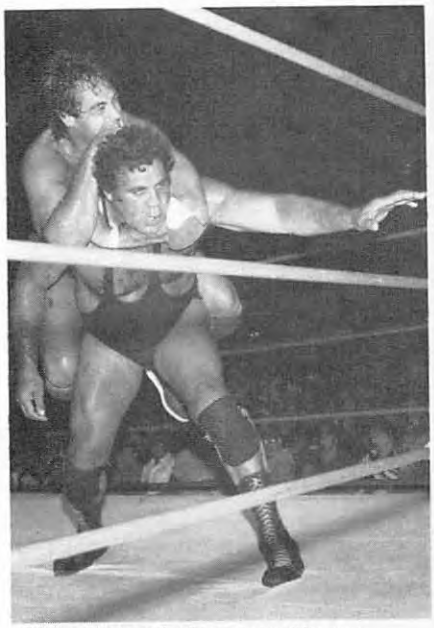
nasty ways and was cheered wildly wherever he appeared. On his return everyone expected Angelo Mosca to be the same type of wrestler. Boy, were they mistaken! In his first match back in the area Angelo Mosca completely ignored the rules and went all out to hurt Mike Rotundo. When the match was over Angelo Mosca was the new Southern Heavyweight champion.

After the bout a dejected Mike Rotundo said, "I thought Angelo Mosca was a gentleman. Last year, I'll admit that Angelo helped me quite a bit. He always gave me a great deal of help and encouragement and I even considered him a friend. I expected a good clean hard fought battle but he really fooled me. Actually, I have no one to blame but myself. I should have known better. I guess you learn something every day but now I'll be more than ready the next time. Angelo Mosca is going to see that I can get just as mean and nasty as him. I'd rather not stoop to his level, but if that's what it takes, I'll do it. Angelo Mosca is not the only Italian who grew up tough. So did I. I learned how to handle myself in the streets too. And when trouble comes my way, I can fight just as tough as the next guy. It won't be

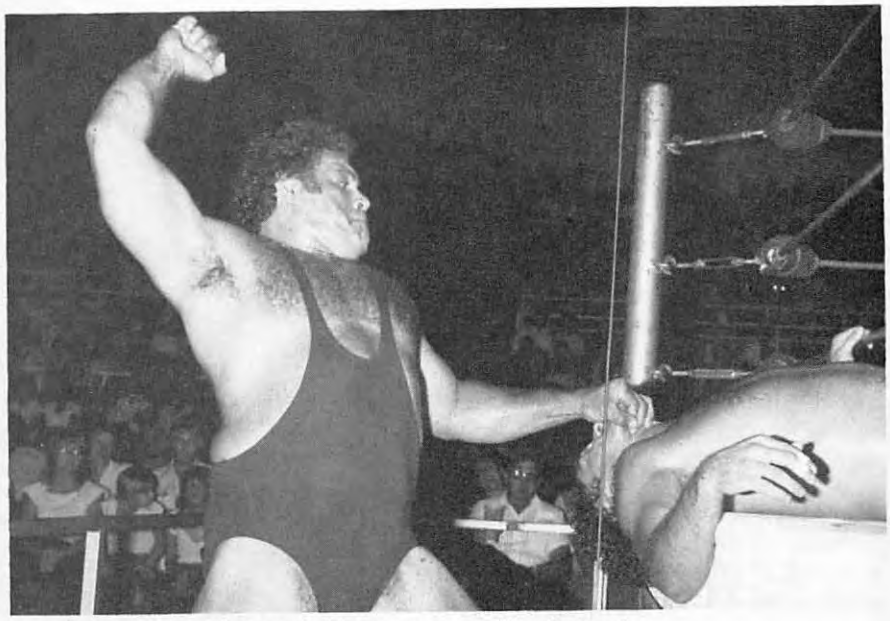


Mike stands on the ropes and pounds away.

Rotundo's Chin Lock has Mosca reeling in pain.



Mike Rotundo leaps on Mosca.



Mosca clobbers a prone Mike Rotundo.

long before Angelo Mosca learns this fact."

Angelo Mosca and Mike Rotundo have waged war all over Florida. They have battled in every conceivable type of bout but the belt still belongs to big nasty Angelo Mosca. "That punk will never beat me," promised Angelo Mosca. "Who does he think he is anyway, challenging a great Italian like me? He's a disgrace to my race. He better drop the "O" off of his name or my friends will have something to say about it. They don't like anyone going around disgracing the good Italian name and reputation. I come from good Sicilian stock and we don't allow anyone to mess with our name and reputation. I want to set the record straight. I am the only paisan around here. Mike Rotundo is merely a country bumpkin and the boys don't want him misrepresenting us ever again."

It looks like the animosity between Angelo Mosca and Mike Rotundo will continue for quite some time to come. Right now Angelo Mosca appears to hold the edge but Mike Rotundo is determined to teach the grizzly veteran a lesson. Eventually however, one man will win out. Who will it be? It shouldn't be too long before we find out the answer. □

KERRY VON ERICH BATTLES RIC FLAIR IN SAN ANTONIO!

by Wanda Deagen

Kerry Von Erich became the World's Heavyweight Champion on May 6, 1984 by defeating Ric Flair in a no-disqualification match. His title reign lasted only 3 weeks when Flair regained the belt on May 24, 1984 in Yorosaka, Japan.

It has been commented that Kerry perhaps lost the title match because he had an injured hand and was unable to use his most effective weapon, the Iron Claw. In any case, The modern day Warrior did not let the defeat hinder him in any way. Von Erich offered no excuses for losing the belt and promised to do his best to win the title once again from the Nature Boy.

The Texas rematch took place July 22, 1984 in San Antonio, Texas. It was a 1 fall, 60 minute time limit. The Arena was filled to capacity. Von Erich has always been an outstanding representative for the state of Texas and the support of his fans is overwhelming. When Kerry Von Erich was champion the entire state felt like champions.

At the start of the match, the two men went through their usual preliminaries before they began to wrestle. Flair stood in Kerry's face and gave him the talking to he gives all those who go after his prized belt. Kerry showed no emotion and went right to his corner to stretch out and prepare to fight. Flair removed his robe and strutted across the ring. Kerry then followed in mock unison, thus irritating Flair who was now ready to start the action.

The match was terrific. Neither man ever really had the upperhand in the match. It was evenly fought with strength and skill. It's always so enjoyable to watch Kerry Von Erich. His moves are perfectly executed. He used his flying drop kick on Flair several times after swinging him into the ropes, and his flying head scissors always brings a soaring round of applause from the audience. He did use the sleeper hold once but Flair managed to get to the ropes.

Flair, too, has his weapons. He also used the sleeper and it was all Kerry could do to break free was run him into the turnbuckle. When

Kerry Von Erich displays an awesome physique.

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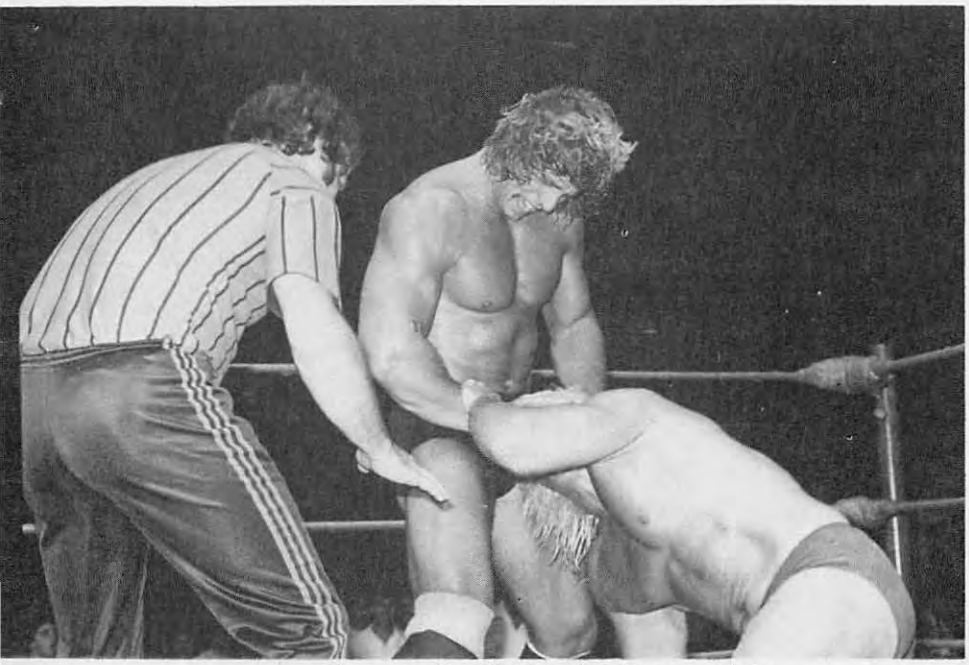
The ref restrains Flair as Kerry straddles the ropes.



Kerry applies his dreaded Claw on Flair.

Kerry's Sleeper hold seems to have gotten the best of Ric.

Flair used his most effective move, the Figure 4 it could well have been the end. yet, Kerry managed to reverse it and Flair had to grab for the ropes.

It was a very clean match, each man staying within the bounds of the roles. Twice Flair threw Kerry through the ropes onto the floor. The third time, Flair turned his back, not realizing that no sooner than had Kerry's feet hit the ground he dove right back into the ring. He then caught Flair from behind and rolled him up for a pin getting only a two count.

The match progressed and their moves became more sluggish, their exhaustion beginning to show. Kerry hit Flair twice with his discuss punch but Flair got his foot in the ropes. The time remaining was growing shorter and shorter. Each man would make a move and then try for a pin. When Kerry was finally able to use the Iron Claw, Flair sank slowly to the mat. Kerry held tight onto Flair's forehead as referee, David Manning, began the count. As his hand hit the mat the first time, the bell rang signaling the match was over. Manning pulled Kerry off of Flair and ex-

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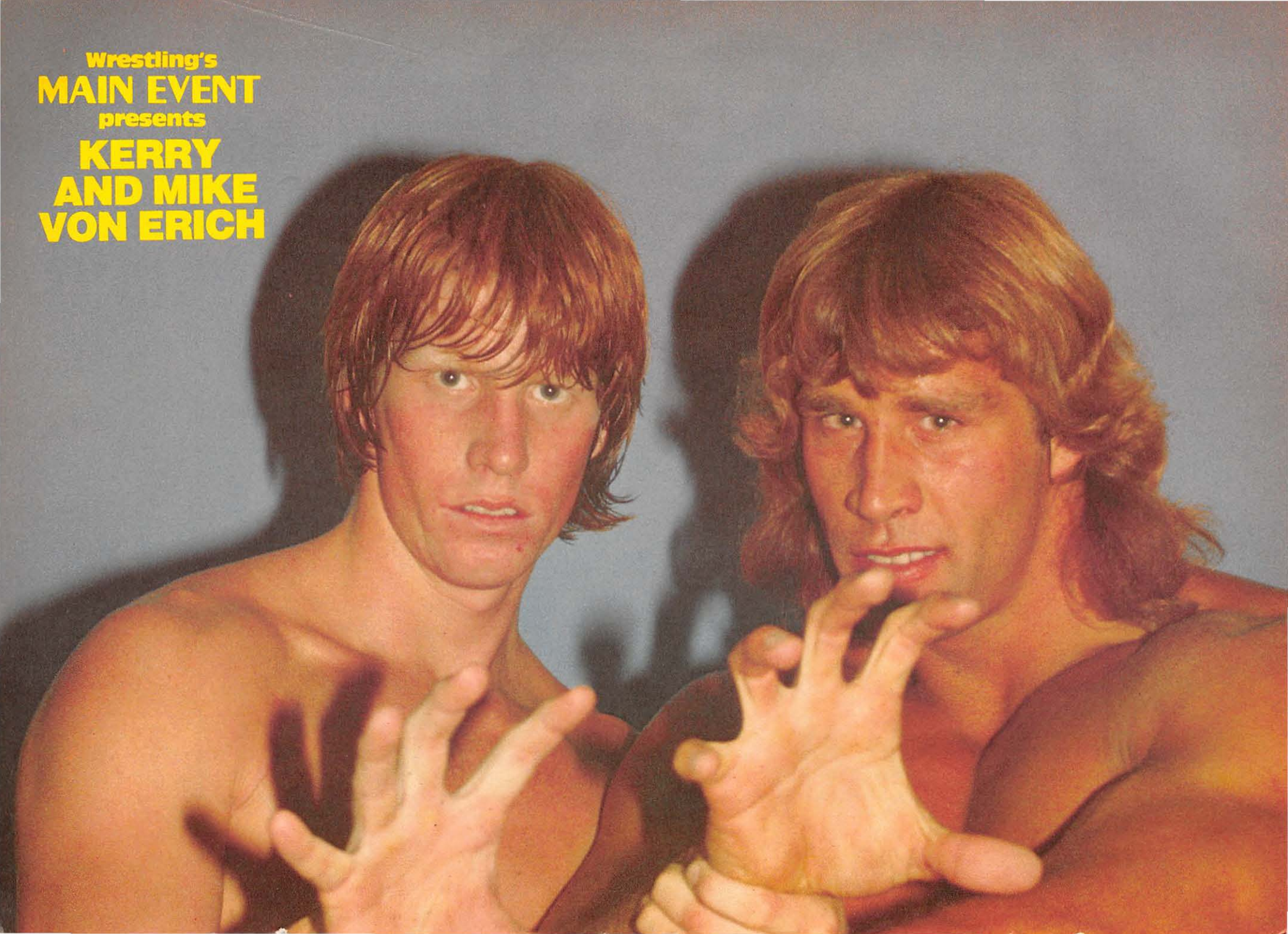
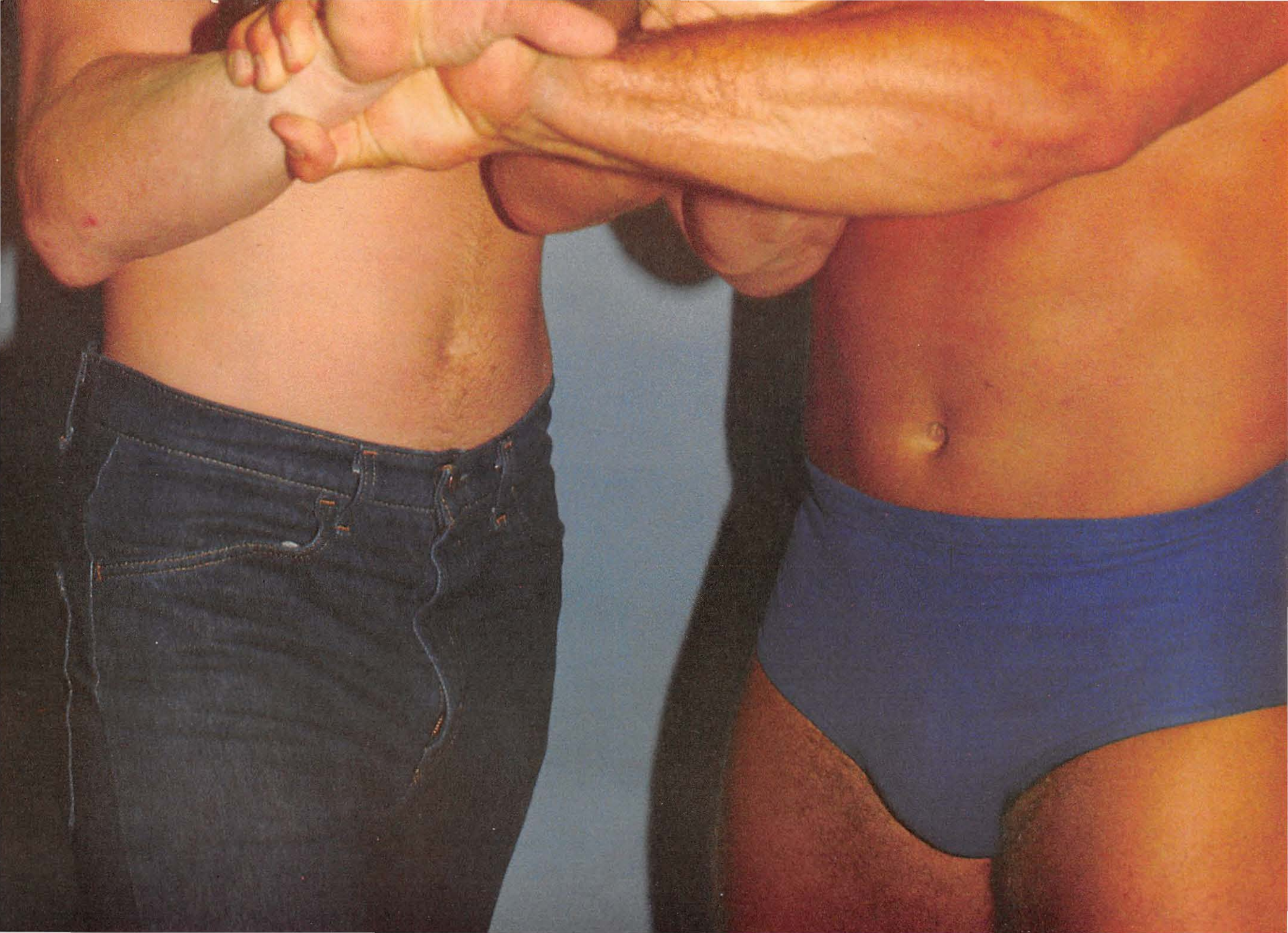
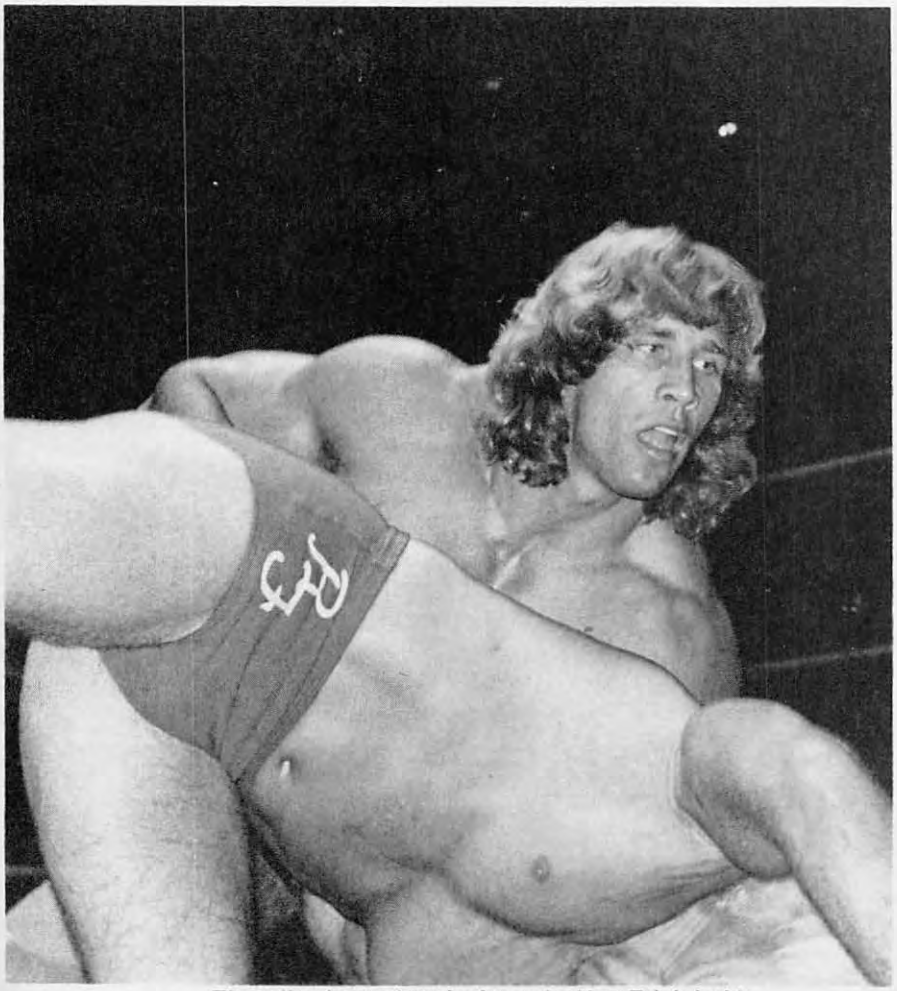
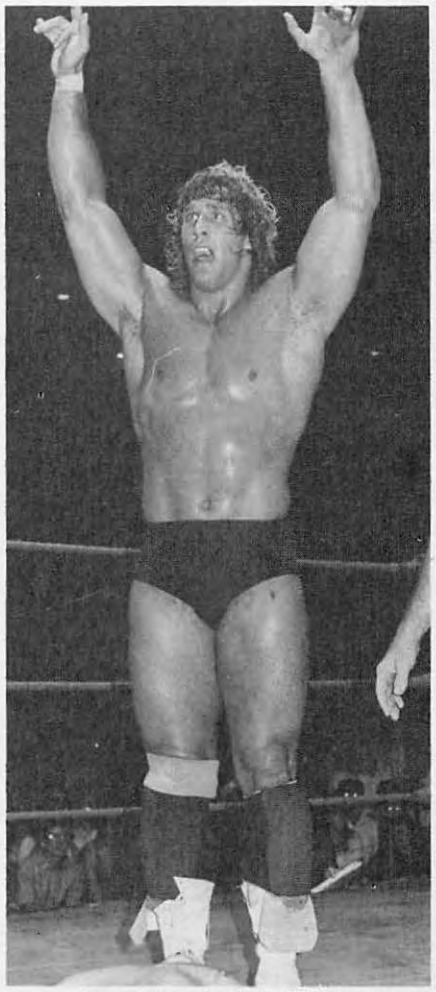




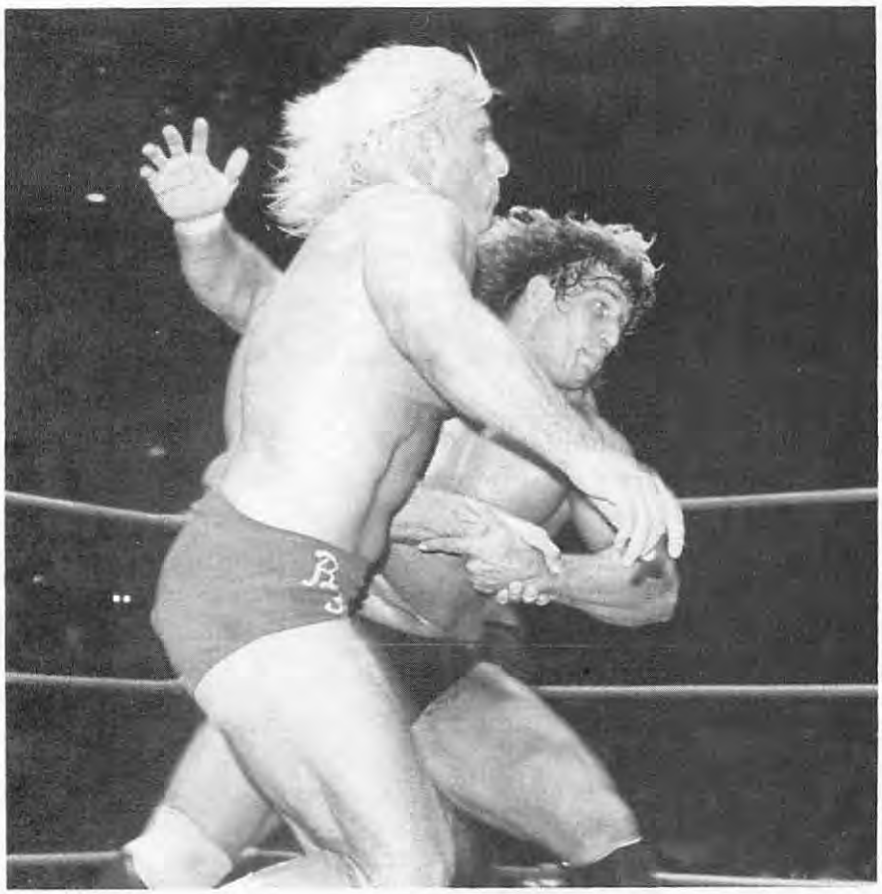
Kerry's relentless Claw has Flair down and out.



The wily champ breaks free of a Von Erich hold.



Kerry stands victorious.



Von Erich flings Flair into the ropes.

plained that the match would be declared a draw.

Kerry pointed down to an unconscious champion. He then raised his hand in victory. Kerry obviously felt he deserved the belt back, for he picked it up off the time keeper's table and left with it.

Needless to say, once Flair became conscious and was told Von Erich had left with his belt, he was more than a little upset. He screamed at Manning to go get it, but the referee only shrugged his shoulders. An angry and disgusted Nature Boy then left the ring.

Hopefully there will be more title matches between these two men. Not only so that Von Erich will have his chance at again holding the crown, but also because when Ric Flair and Kerry Von Erich meet up, you see top quality wrestling at its finest.

Will Kerry have to give the belt back? I wouldn't want to be the one to tell him he has to. □

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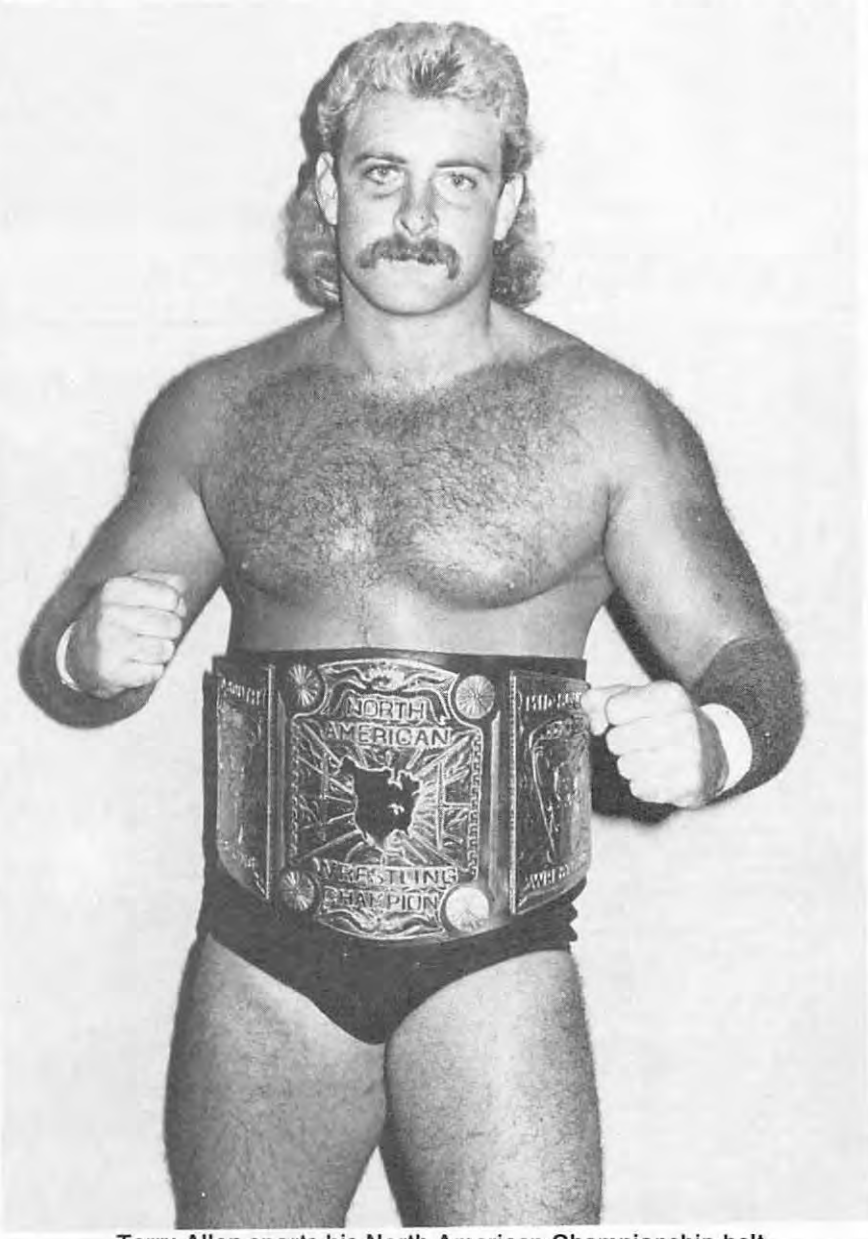
MAGNUM TA:
TERRY ALLEN: DESIGNED FOR GREATNESS

by George Napolitano

North American Heavyweight champion Terry Allen is one of the fastest rising stars in the profession. "Magnum T.A." is the name he's affectionately referred to by his loyal legion of fans. Terry Allen has been wrestling professionally for only four years yet in this short time he has captured the Global Tag Team title with Scott McGhee and Brad Armstrong; the Mid South tag team title with Hacksaw Jim Duggan and Mr. Wrestling II and most recently the prestigious Mid South North American Heavyweight title. "This is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me," Terry said as he clutched his gold belt. "This title is as important to me as the NWA World's belt is to Ric Flair. I won it on May 14 in Tulsa, Olkahoma from Mr. Wrestling II and I intend to have it for a long time."

It's ironic that Terry Allen captured the title from Mr. Wrestling II as the masked man was Allen's former teacher. For three months Mr. Wrestling II groomed the young Allen in the finer aspects of the sport and it was obvious that magnum T.A. learned his lessons well. Eventually, however, their relationship went sour culminating in Allen's victory over Mr. Wrestling II for the North American title. "We trained together for quite some time," Allen bitterly recalled. "And I thought he was a friend. For several months things went very well. We held the Mid South tag team title and no one could defeat us. Then, one day for no reason at all he turned his back on me. I didn't know what to do. I just couldn't understand how he could do such a thing to me and to all the people who had supported him for so long. But I got even. He thought



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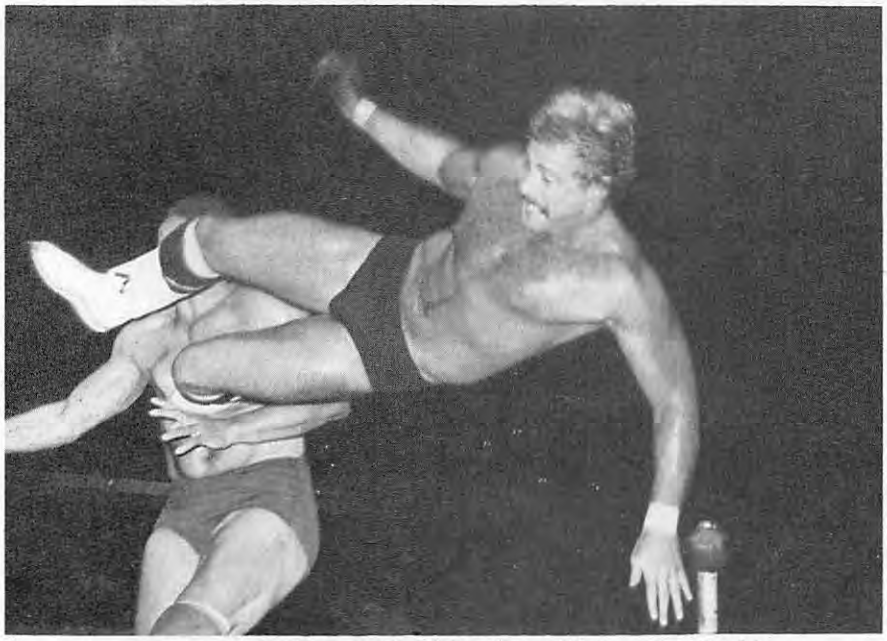
Terry Allen sports his North American Championship belt.



Terry affectively uses his Flying Drop Kick against Ladd.

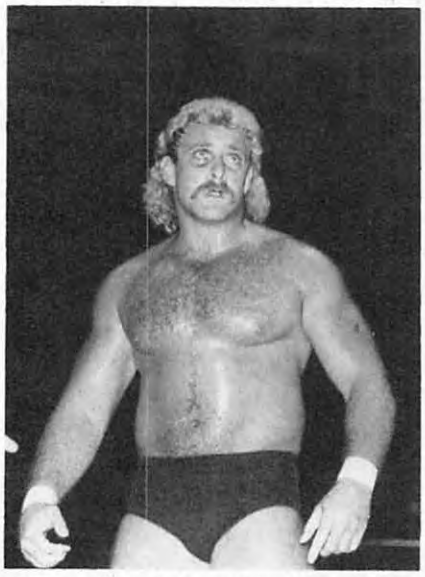
he was slick but after he cheated Junkyard Dog out of the North American title I knew I had to do something. I finally got my chance in Tulsa and I made the most of my opportunity. Right now Mr. Wrestling II is nowhere to be found. I think he just stopped wrestling completely. He's had his day. Actually he's had twenty-five good years but now it's the era of the young lions and I am proud to be one of this elite group."

Watching Terry Allen in action it's obvious that he's been schooled in the sport. He is well versed in all the scientific holds and manuevers and he can get rough when he has to. Before turning professional Terry was an outstanding amateur athlete in the state of Virginia. In fact in 1977 Terry was the number one amateur in the state. At the time I weighed 167 lbs. and I wasn't big enough to go into the pro ranks," Terry recalled. "It took some three years to put on the weight needed to try out for the pros. Terry began his wrestling career in the Pacific Northwest. From there Allen traveled to Florida where he began to put his skills to the test. Teaming with talented Scott McGhee, the two youngsters managed to defeat the Fabulous Kangaroos to win the Global tag team title. "Winning the title was a big thrill for me," Terry said. "It was my first professional title and it gave me the felling that I finally made soemthing of myself. Although we were champions I knew I still had a lot to learn."

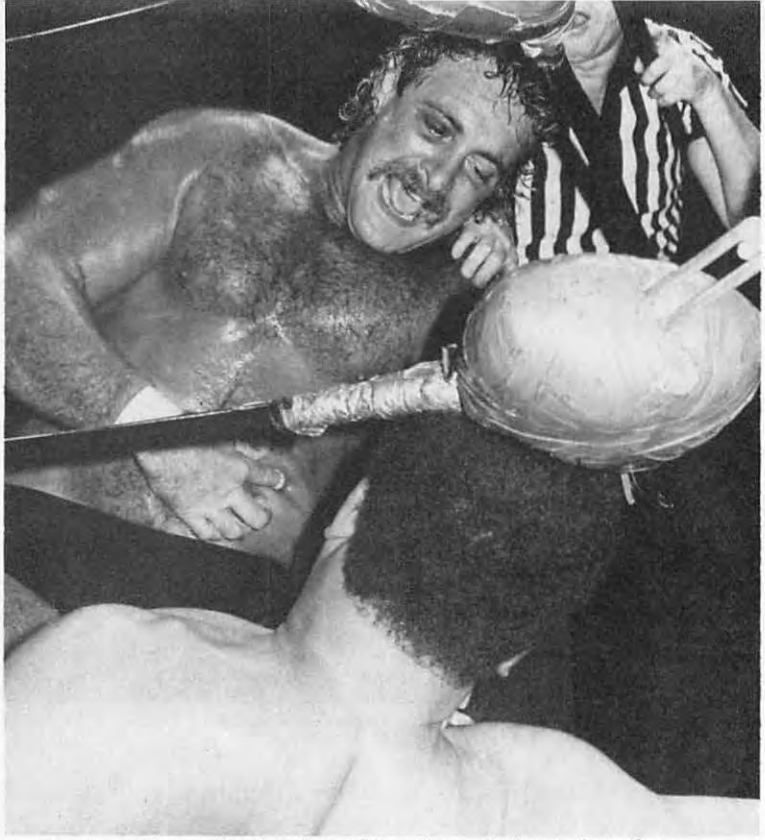
And learn he did. For the next several months Terry worked out constantly both on the mat and in the gym. In a matter of months Terry had built himself up from 225 lbs. to a rock solid 248. Now he was on his way. Arriving in the Mid South Terry immediately became the darling of the fans. With his striking features and muscular build the fans nicknamed him "Magnum T.A." after Tom Selleck and his "Magnum P.I." television series. "The fans in the Mid South have been terrific," Terry says. "They have really gotten behind me and pushed me to great heights. Many times their cheering has given me that added incentive to push that much harder to win my bouts. I really owe this title to these wonderful people out there who have supported me during my stay in the Mid South."

Since winning the North American title Terry Allen has faced quite a few top challengers. His most persistent challengers are, Butch Reed, Ted DiBiase, and Ernie Ladd. "I don't feel that Ted DiBiase is a threat to my title," T.A. admitted. "I've defeated him in several no disqualification bouts and I know that no matter what he tries I can counter it. The same goes for Ernie Ladd. Ladd is a veteran of the sport and knows all the tricks of the trade but I have to feel that his best days are behind him. As for Hacksaw Butch Reed I feel that he is my toughest opponent. He's a big man at 260 pounds. He's agile and can move like a lightweight. He also possesses an incredible physique and is unbelievably strong. But even though he has all of these things going for

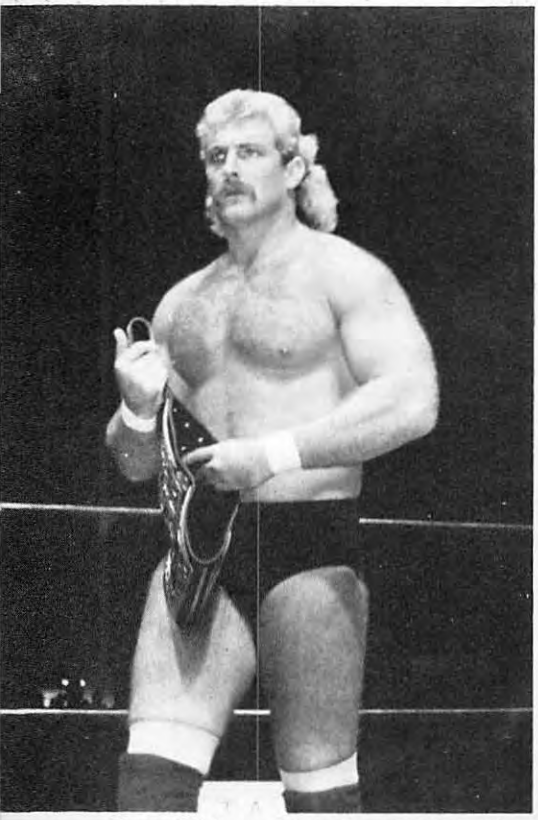
Magnum T.A. covers for the pin.



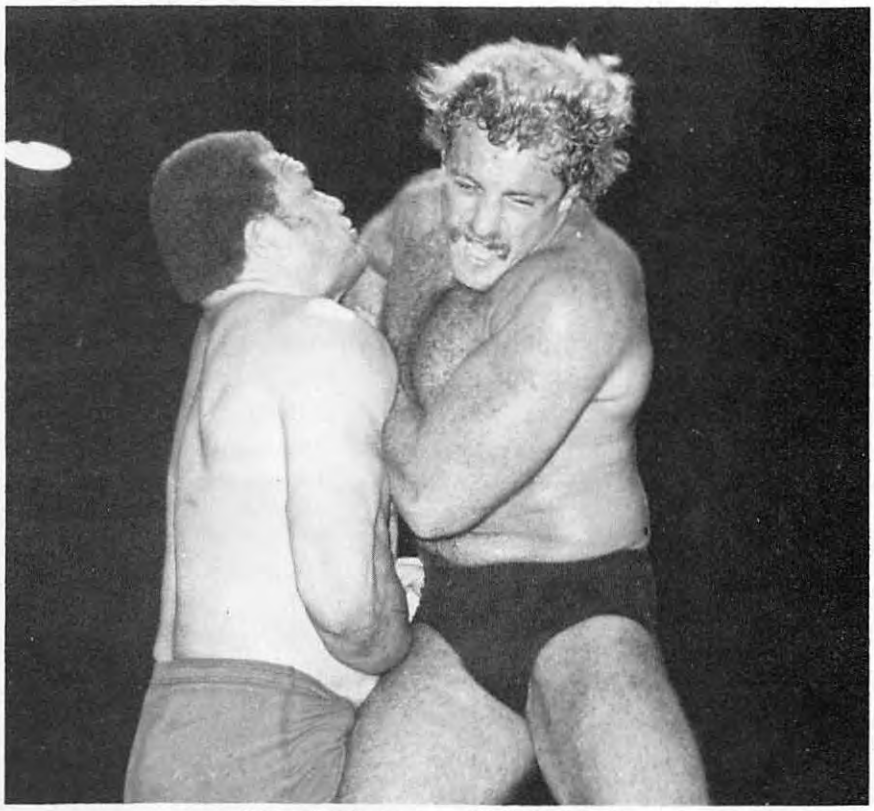
Terry Allen sizes up his opponent.



Terry continues to attack Ladd as the ref tries to interfere.



Terry folds up his belt prior to battle.



Terry locks horns with "The Cat."

him, he still hasn't been able to put it all together. He's got several flaws in his wrestling style and his temper always seems to get him into trouble. I don't want to sound like I'm bragging but right now I feel that there is no one out there who can defeat me. I've worked hard to get to this position and I'm going to keep on learning more and more to assure myself of a top spot in the wrestling world for many years to come."

Terry Allen is a determined athlete. He's young, strong talented and smart and like Barrry Windham, Mike Rotundo and Kerry Von Erich, possesses that special charisma which champions are made of. Keep your eyes on "Magnum T.A." ◻

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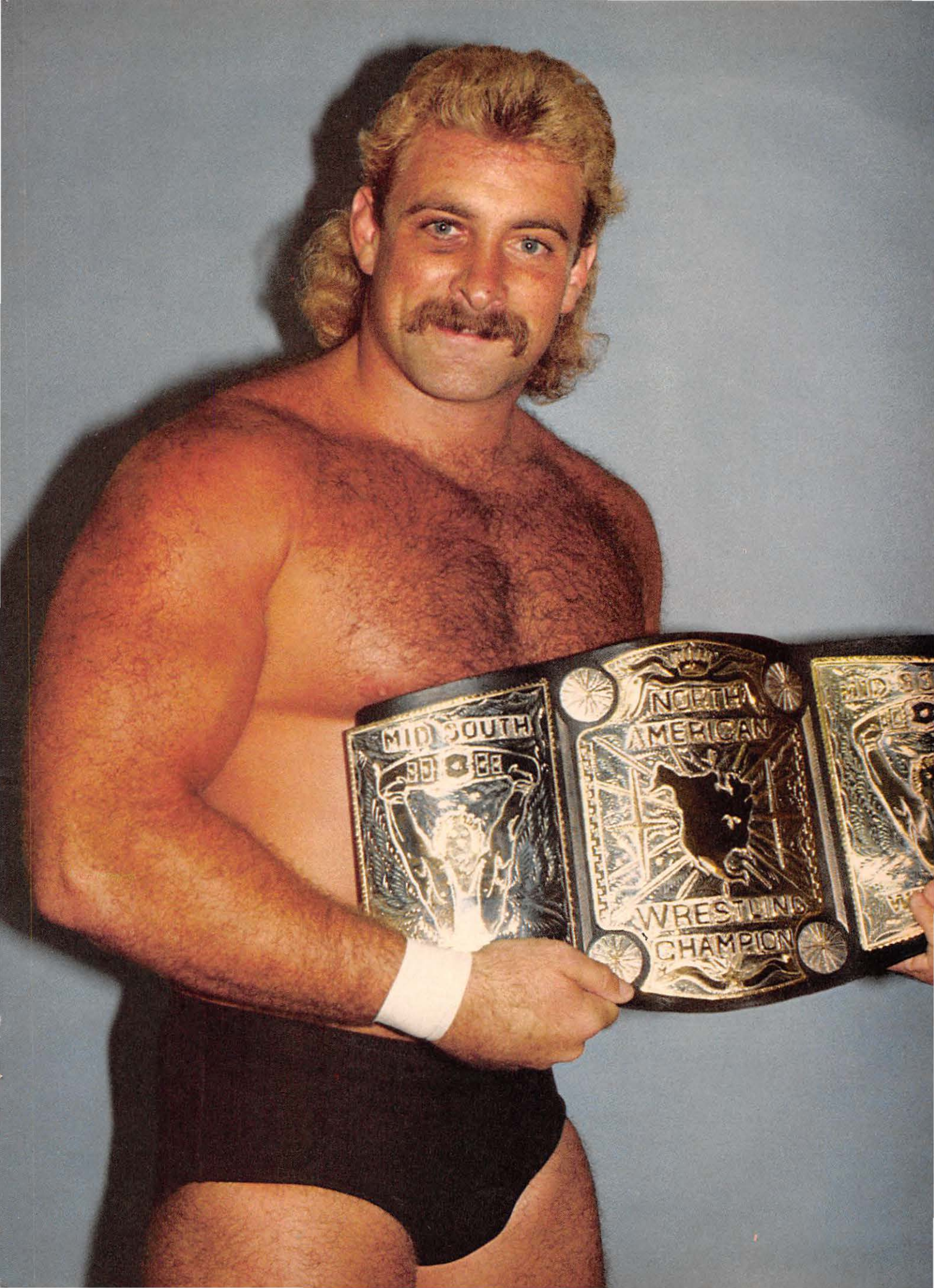
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"THE FLY SWATTER": PIPER, THE LEGEND KILLER!

by Mico Lugo

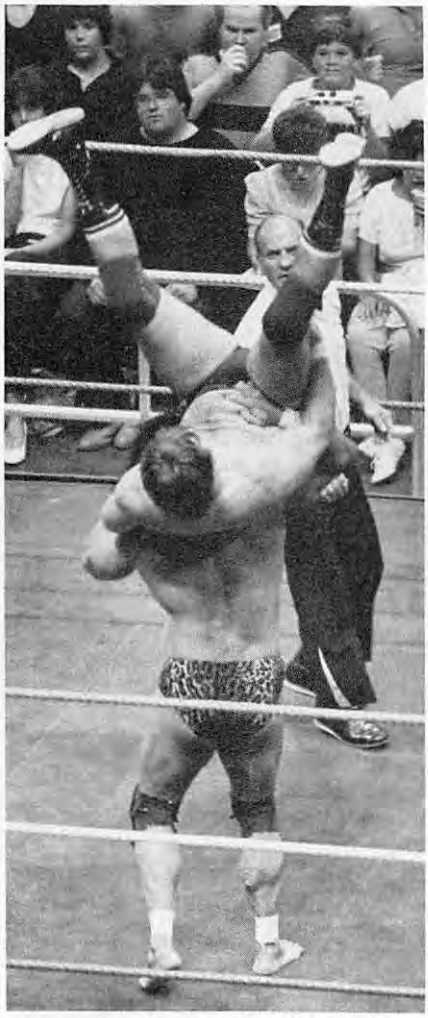
Brain damage! You know that terrible affliction that many boxers get. Did you know that you could fall in the shower and if you hit that head of yours hard enough you could suffer brain damage that's just as extensive.

In wrestling, the fans, just like a severe head blow, can give a man brain damage. That's right! The fans, the ones who yell for their heroes to demolish the "Bad Guys" have done an injustice to a great wrestler named Jimmy Snuka.

Snuka, the man that has held the U.S. Heavyweight belt, the Pacific Northwest Heavyweight belt, and the World's Tag Team belts with Paul Orndorff, is not doing that great since his split with the Captain in the latter part of 1983. Jimmy is slowly but surely getting brain damage. Having Ray Stevens almost put him out of wrestling was bad enough. His bouts with the Crippler have certainly taken their toll. Then he went after The Magnificent Muraco. True, the Super Fly won the final bouts against both these men, but, not after previously suffering some brain damage.

Jimmy is now going after another wrestler that the fans don't seem to care much for, Rowdy Roddy Piper, the host of Piper's Pit. Roddy Piper, the man who has won so many titles and beaten the World's Heavyweight Champion Ric Flair of the United States title is going to put an end to the legend of the Super Fly. Piper had Snuka on his show and did not let the Super Fly get a word in edgewise. Anyone with a bit of sense would not ask for another interview, but Snuka did!

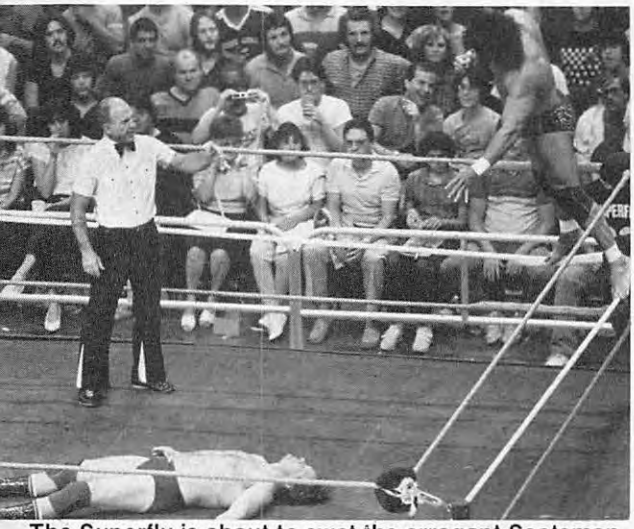
Jimmy wanted Piper to give him the opportunity to let the fans hear him out. So Piper did a number on Jimmy that if I didn't see it with my own eyes I wouldn't have believed it. Piper came into the Pit with a shopping bag. He started with first insulting Jimmy and yelling at the top of his lungs. Jimmy was just standing there. Piper then took out fruits and coconuts shoving them in the Super Fly's face while berating him. Snuka, who must be brain damaged, asked, "are you making fun of me." Roddy went wild with laughter and hit Jimmy on the left temple with a coconut. The thing busted open from the force of the blow. Jimmy was knocked through the Pit's walls and fell like a tree. Piper went on to totally destroy Snuka. He whipped him like a dog, spat on him and then mashed Jimmy's face with a banana. Then Piper left the Pit as if nothing had happened. I have never in my life seen anything like that on national T.V.



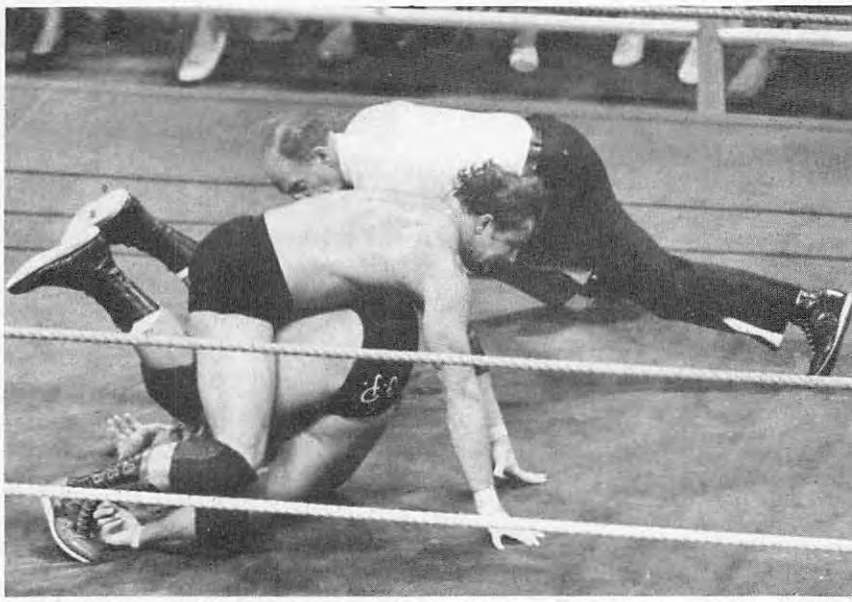
Snuka Atomic Drops Piper.

Now all the fans in Allentown are talking about how The Super Fly is going to get even, how Jimmy is going to run The Rowdy one out of the area, this, that, that, this. Forget it! That's for sure. Snuka is just too emotional and he is the fans' puppet. That's why he can't win a major title in the WWF. Now he thinks he's going to chase Roddy all over the WWF to "get even". Well, the match at the Byrne Arena did nothing but cost Snuka a few pints of blood.

Snuka came charging into the ring, with a flurry of punches to the head of Piper followed by a very nice Atomic Knee drop. Then Super Fly knee dropped off the top rope on to the head of the Rowdy One followed by a body slam and then a mean Head Butt. It looked as if Jimmy is going to have his way, but the Great Scotsman fought back and threw Jimmy out of the ring. While Jimmy was out, Piper got his head together and

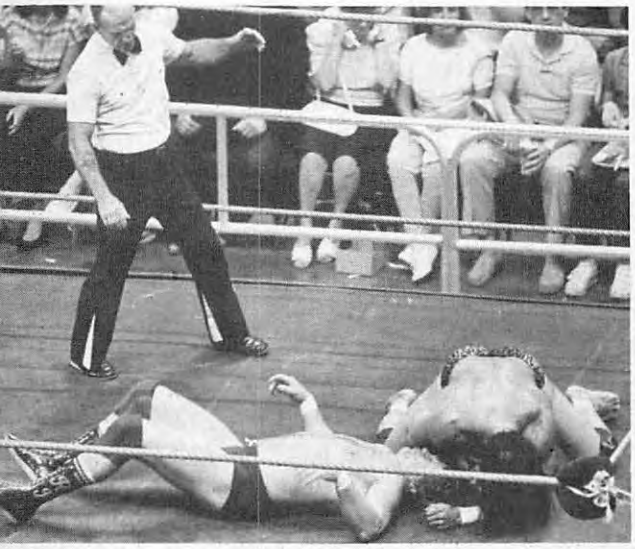


The Superfly is about to swat the arrogant Scotsman.



Blair tries for a Pin with a Rollover.

Snuka flies to his target.



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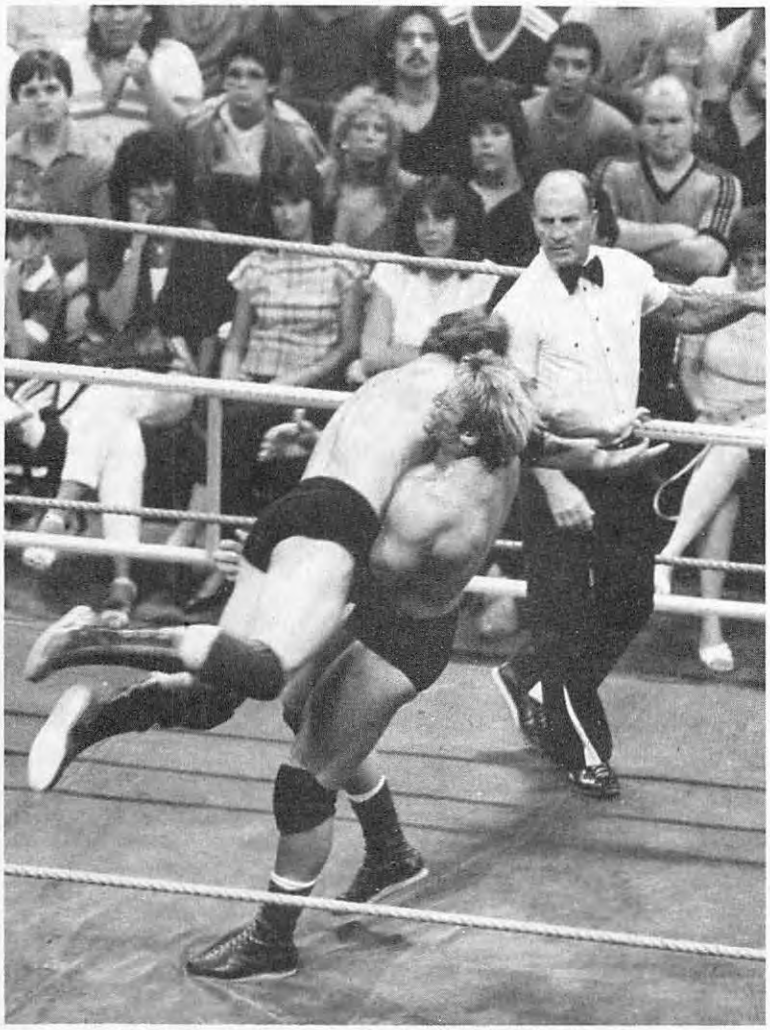

B. Brian Blair smashes into Paul Orndorff.

went on to cut Snuka all up and tossed him out again.

Referee Dick Warley then counted Jimmy out and gave the match to Piper. Snuka, enraged, jumped back into the ring and hit the referee, knocking him out cold. Then he went after Piper like a mad man. He was trying to choke Piper to death. A few wrestlers had to come in to get Snuka off Piper. Piper is not a man to take something like that sitting down, just ask Greg Valentine what happens when a "legend" messes with the kid from

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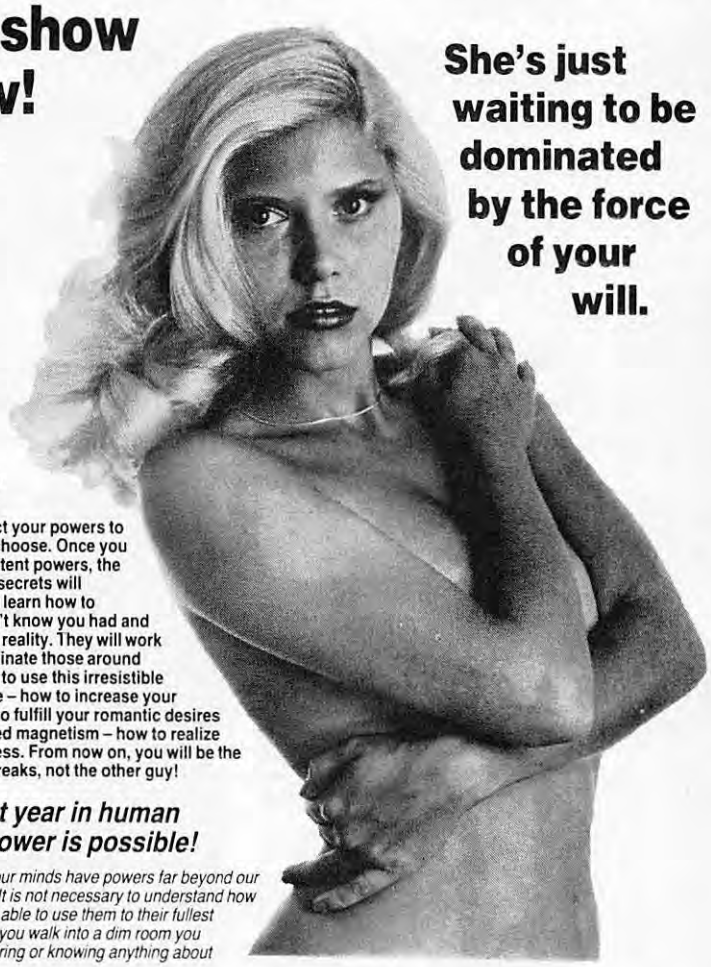

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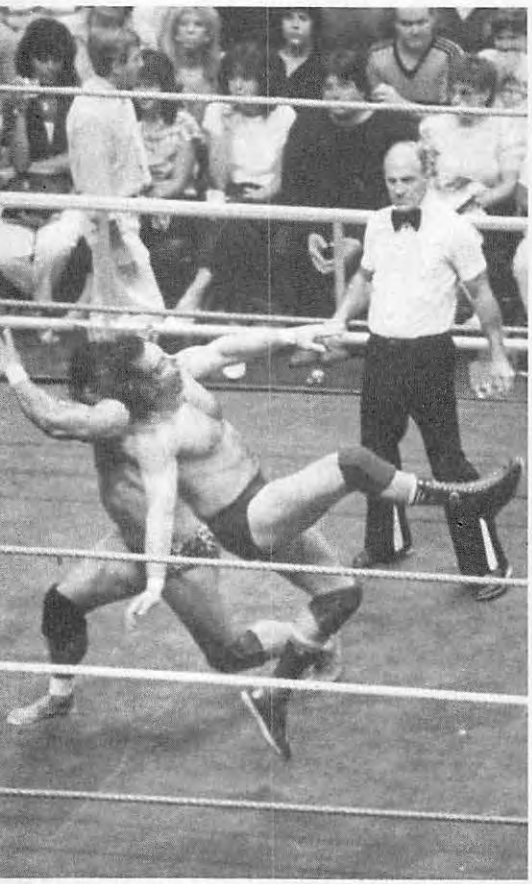
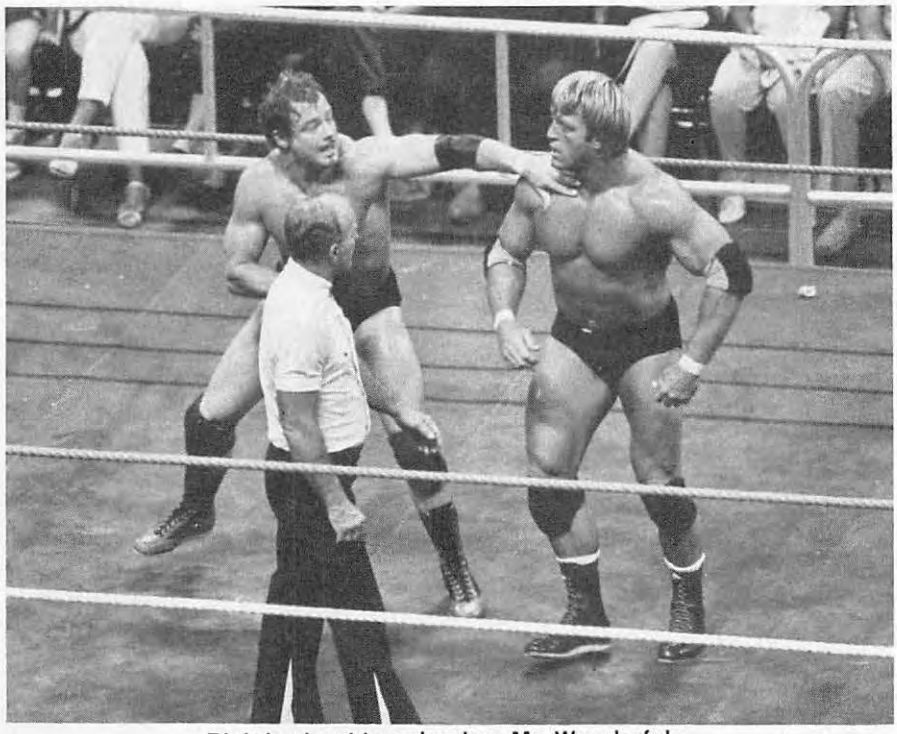
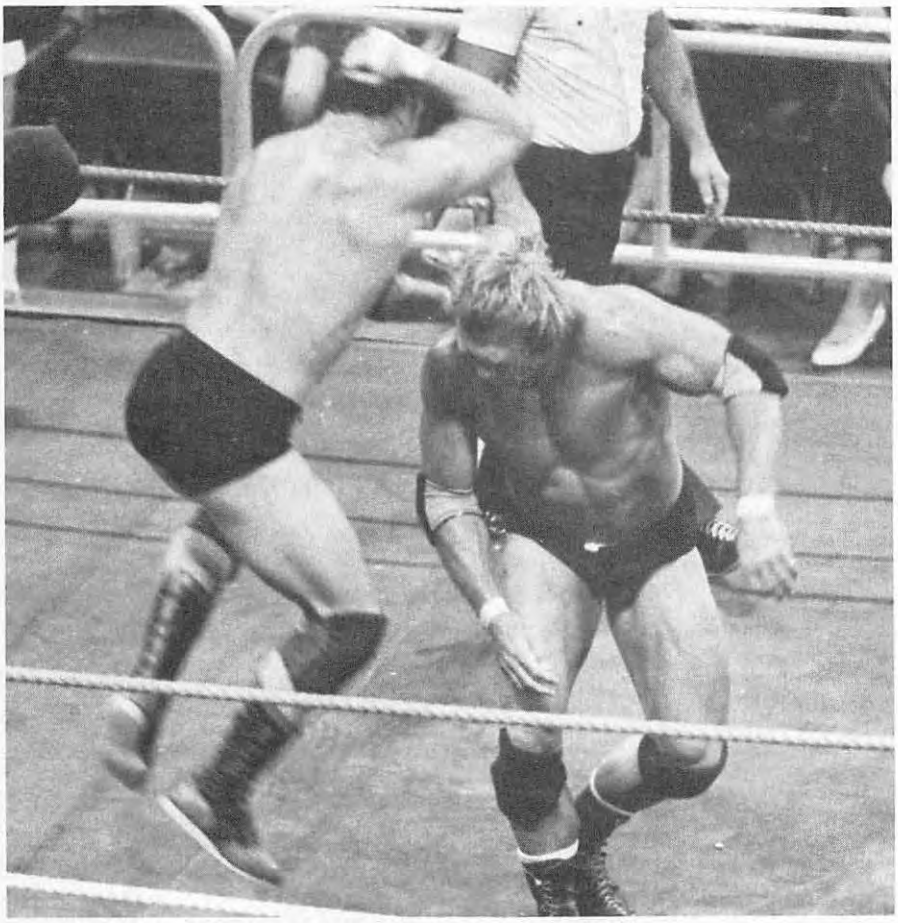


Snuka's blow sends Piper reeling.



Blair is about to unload on Mr. Wonderful.

The enraged Superfly Headbutts the referee.



Blair's elbow misses Orndorff.

Scotland. Be very careful Jimmy, because I don't want to see Piper put you out permanently!

Other matches: Moondogs defeated SD Jones and José Rivera; Sal Bellomo defeated Tony Colon; Orndorff used an inside cradle to beat B. Brain Blair; Wild Samoans beat Mr. Fuji and Tiger Chung Lee; Ivan Putski defeated Rene Goulet; Mil Mascaras defeated Pete Doherty. And Andre the Giant and Hulk Hogan defeated the trio of Adrian Adonis, Dick Murdoch and Big John Studd. □

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THE ONE MAN GANG: NEW PARTNER FOR DUSTY RHODES?

by Lucy Taylor

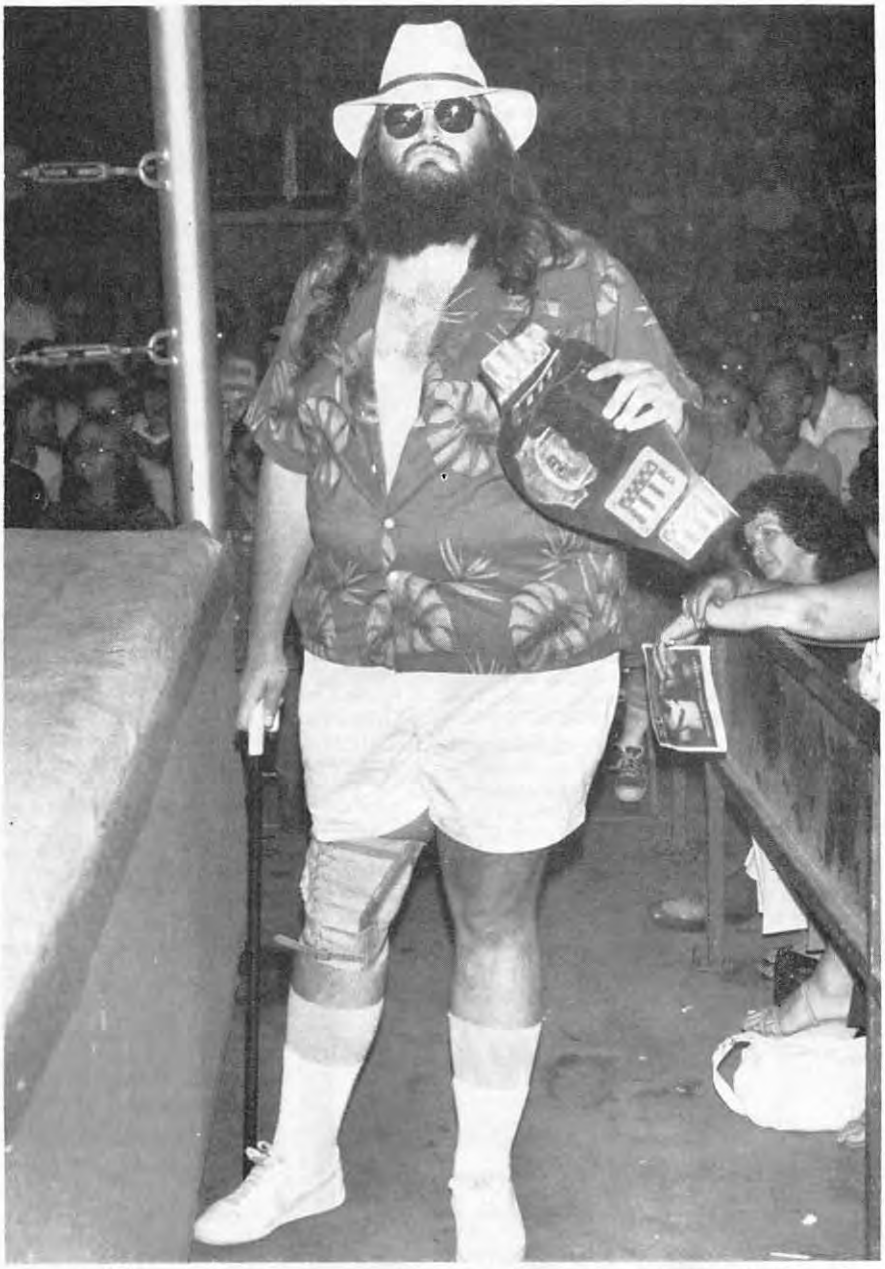
Impossible, some wrestling fans gasped when they saw who was climbing into the ring to face Cowboy Ron Bass in a dangerous Chain Match. Others claimed they didn't believe what they were seeing, as though it must be some sort of optical illusion.

But it's hard to be mistaken about the identity of the One Man Gang, who tips the scales at some 450 lbs. of snarling, stomping violence. Florida fans have witnessed the Gang's unpredictable, even vicious nature many times in the past. They've screamed "Beast" and "Animal" at the Gang as he slung opponents into the concrete floor, draped others upside down over ringropes, and frequently hurled his entire bulk on top of his unfortunate foe in the ultmate Big Splash.

But tonight all that had changed. It was still the same Gang, all right, as big and menacing as ever as he clutched an enormous chain in his huge fist. But tonight the rage in the Gang's face was not just senseless violence but the desire for revenge. The Gang's pride had been hurt beyond endurance, and tonight he was out to get revenge on Ron Bass, one of the men who had so cruelly humiliated him only a few weeks before.

There was more at stake, too, than just revenge. This was the Gang's chance to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was worthy of his new position as a member of Dusty Rhodes' Family, a wrestling fraternity that includes Black Jack Mulligan, Barry Windham, and Billy Jack. Would a brutal wrestler like the Gang ever fit into Rhodes' Family? Or was this just another treacherous trick perpetrated by the Gang's former manager, Sir Oliver Humperdinck?

The irony of the Gang's new allegiance with Rhodes and his friends was not lost on the fans, who still remember when the 450 lb. giant suffered a badly dislocated knee in a match with Dusty Rhodes. Rhodes caught the Gang in his figure four leglock, a move



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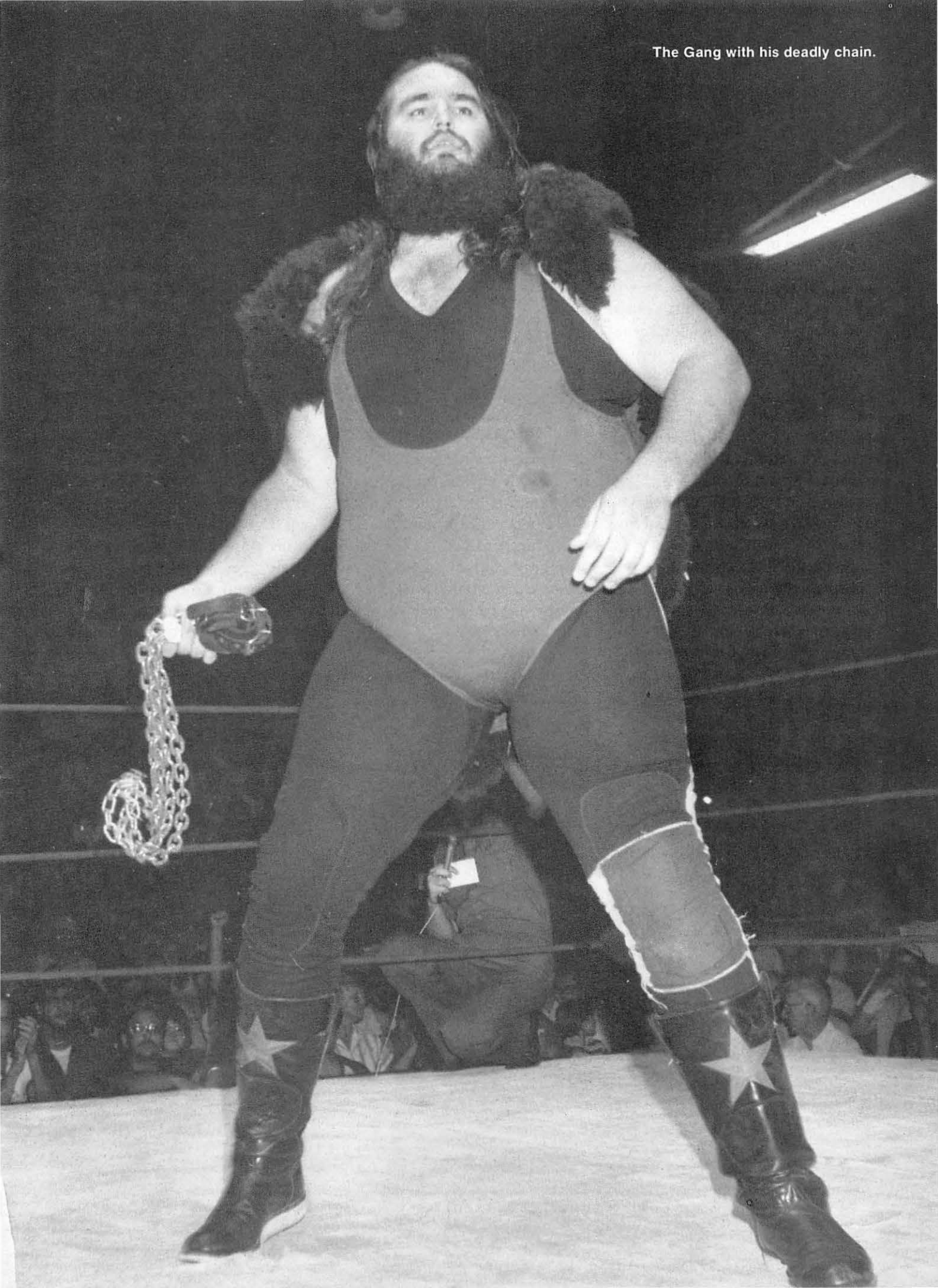
An injured One Man Gang with his Southern Championship belt.



The Gang with his deadly chain.

that inflicted enough damage to the Gang's knee to have him hobbling around on crutches for several weeks, vowing to get revenge on Rhodes at the first opportunity.

At that time, the injured Gang roared with fury at the mere mention of Dusty's name. "I didn't get to be called the One Man Gang just because I'm big," he shouted. "I got this name because I am the equivalent of several ordinary men in any kind of fight. When it heals, I am going to show Rhodes what *real* pain feels like."

In recent weeks, however, the Gang's attention had been taken up by his difficulties with the colorful and controversial Humperdinck. The falling out between the Gang and his manager began when the Gang accidentally collided with Humperdinck during a match at the Lakeland Civic Center. Although the Gang explained that the mistake was unintentional, Humperdinck proceeded to lambast the Gang publicly at every opportunity. He became an object of derision for Humperdinck and his pals, Ron Bass and Superstar Graham.

An angry One Man Gang welds a two by four.

"I can't deal with incompetence," said Humperdinck. "The man is a stumbling, bumbling oaf who will fall like a giant redwood tree the day he has to face a man like the Star or Bass."

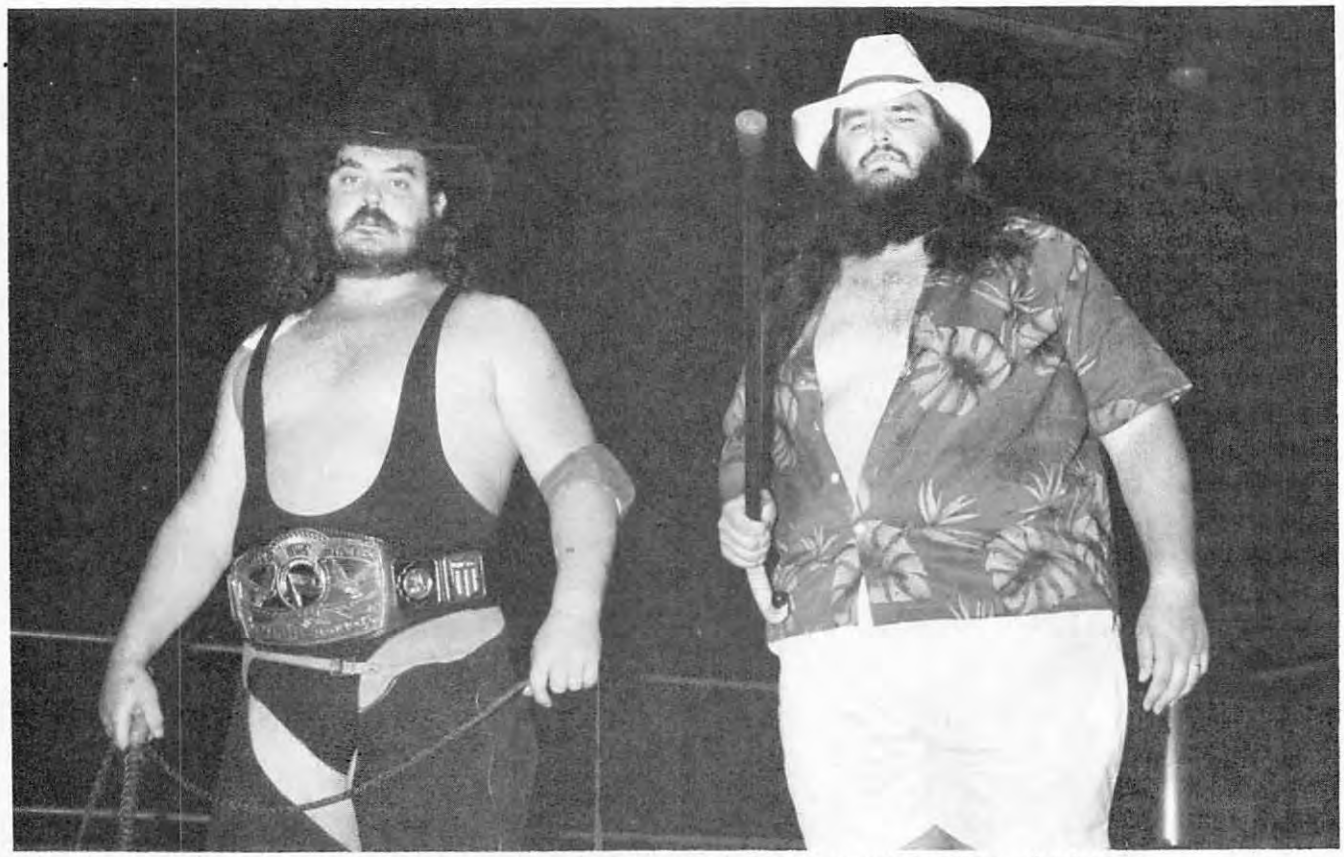
But as anyone familiar with the tactics of Humperdinck knows, Sir Oliver wasn't about to end the vendetta with words alone. Not long after, Humperdinck's men Graham and Bass attacked the Gang in the ring. While the muscular Star held the Gang, Bass used a belt to pound his head into a bloody mess. For good measure, Bass added a few vicious blows from his boot.

Bleeding profusly, the Gang attempted to return to his dressing room.

But the Gang was in for a *second* major shock of that evening. He found his own dressing room door locked, his belongings tossed contempuously out into the hall.

"They busted my head wide open," said the Gang. "They kicked me out of my own dressing room. I didn't know what to do, where to go. That was when Dusty Rhodes came along and said "Gang, if you come right, you'll have a dressing room again. You'll have a family.' "

Dusty went so far as to offer to be the Gang's partner in future battles with Humperdinck's men.



The One Man Gang served as Black Bart's manager while recovering from a broken leg.

"You got my word, Gang, that I'll show up and be your partner," said Rhodes. "You do your part and the Family will do theirs. You'll have a home."

The Gang seemed truly grateful for Rhodes' offer and was eager to pay back his former friends for their treachery.

"My Mom tried to teach me right from wrong," confessed the Gang in a rare moment of reflection. "And I know I kind of strayed into the wrong side. But I've had it now with that creepshow of Bass, Star, and Humperdinck. I'm ready to teach them a lesson." The Gang fingered the steel chain that he and Bass would be using to pound each other in their upcoming Chain Match, a brutal and potentially crippling form of combat.

"When I crack this upside Bass' skull, his head's gonna break like an eggshell. Right then is when I'll get my revenge."

Even Humperdinck, a man not readily ruffled, admitted, "This is a dangerous and desperate situation."

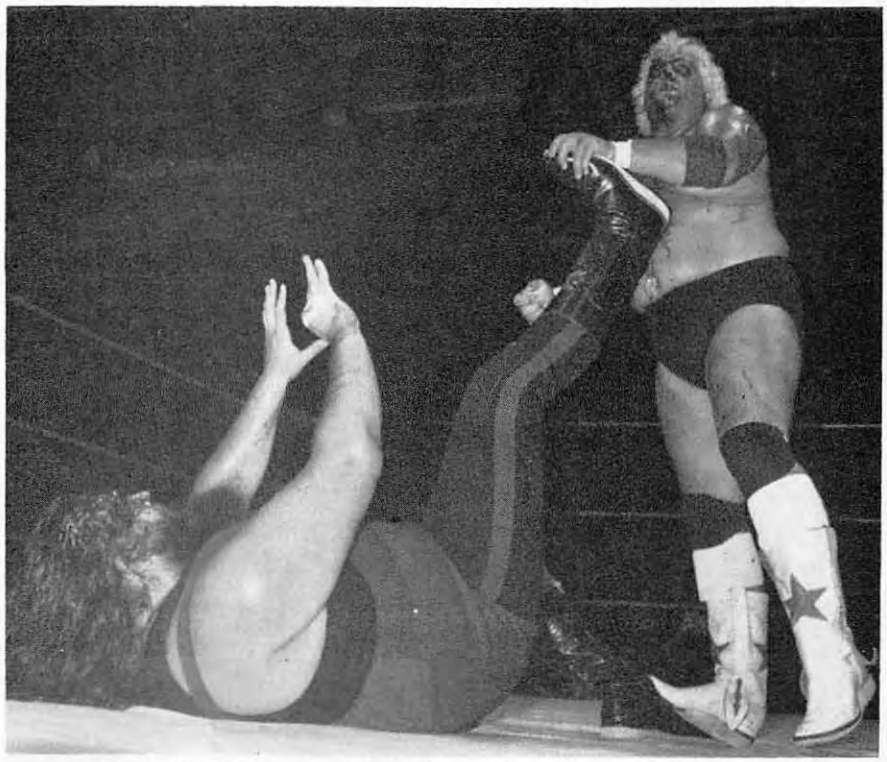
Ironically, it was the Gang's desire for tougher competition that led to his move to Florida in the first place. At that time, the Gang said, "There wasn't anybody left to beat up. Sometimes it's hard finding a man who can give me a good fight."

That was *before* the encounter with Bass and the Star.

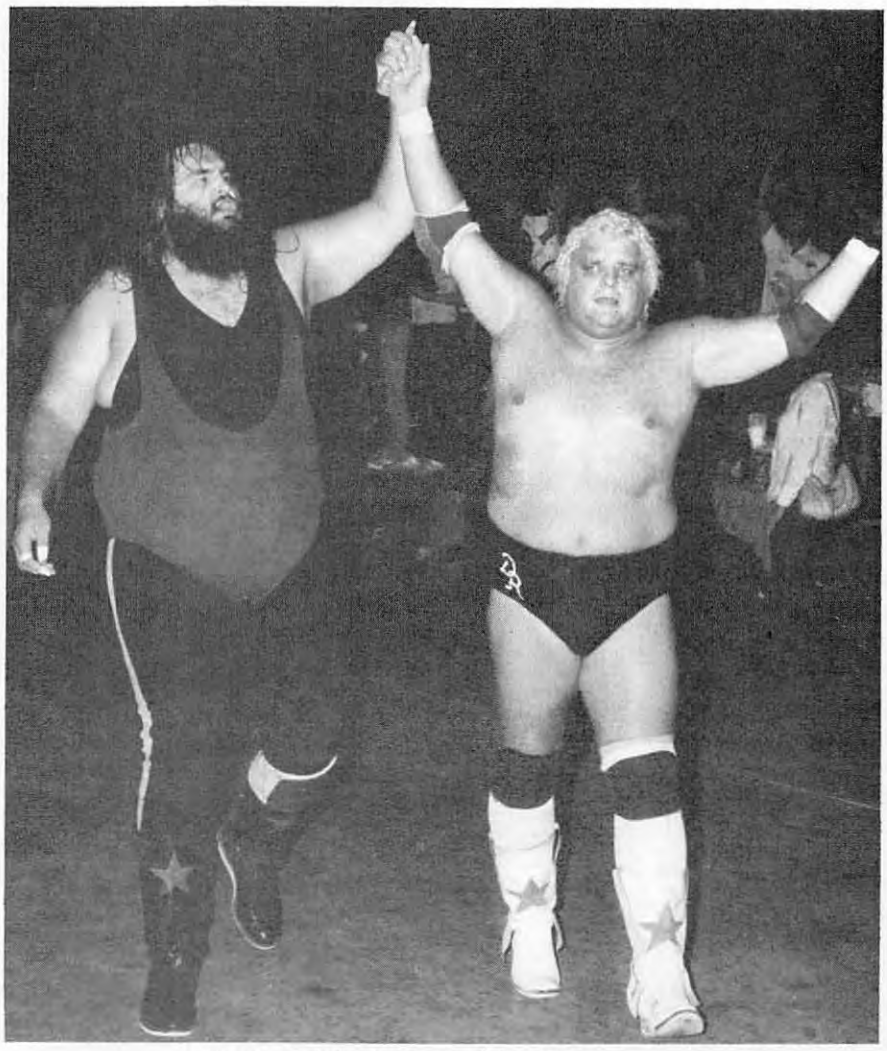
Now it looks like the Gang is going to have a heck of a fight on his hands, possibly more than even *he* bargained for.

And Dusty Rhodes? Can it be easy sharing a ring with a partner who, in the past, has distinguished himself only for his ruthlessness? Has the One Man Gang really changed for the better? Or will time and Humperdinck's wiles change him back to his old tactics in a turnabout that could be devastating to Rhodes?

For now, it looks like that's a chance Dusty Rhodes is just going to have to take. □



A bloody Dusty Rhodes is about to apply a Figure Four to the gang.



Dusty and the Gang exult in victory.

AWA DOES INDY

by Phyllis Puckett

Market Square arena, in the sports city of Indianapolis, Indiana, has recently become a monthly host of the American Wrestling Association. It would be difficult to attend one of these events and not catch the enthusiasm being shown by area fans. Everyone in the building gets wrapped up in the talent presented by this alliance and the evening seems to come to an end much too soon.

First into the squared circle was a young man whose ability and outstanding physique have seen him rise rapidly in the sport. Tony Atlas is a name familiar to fans everywhere. Tony's opposition was the burly Russian, Chris Markoff. The audience was anything but receptive at having to endure Markoff's national anthem and loudly voiced their displeasure with chants of "USA" and a variety of suggestion about what Markoff could do if he didn't like it here. All this only served to make the big Russian mad and twice as determined to prove his metal by defeating Atlas. Tony, however, had other ideas. There were some tense moments but Tony succeeded against Markoff's tactics and scored one for the good ole "US of A"

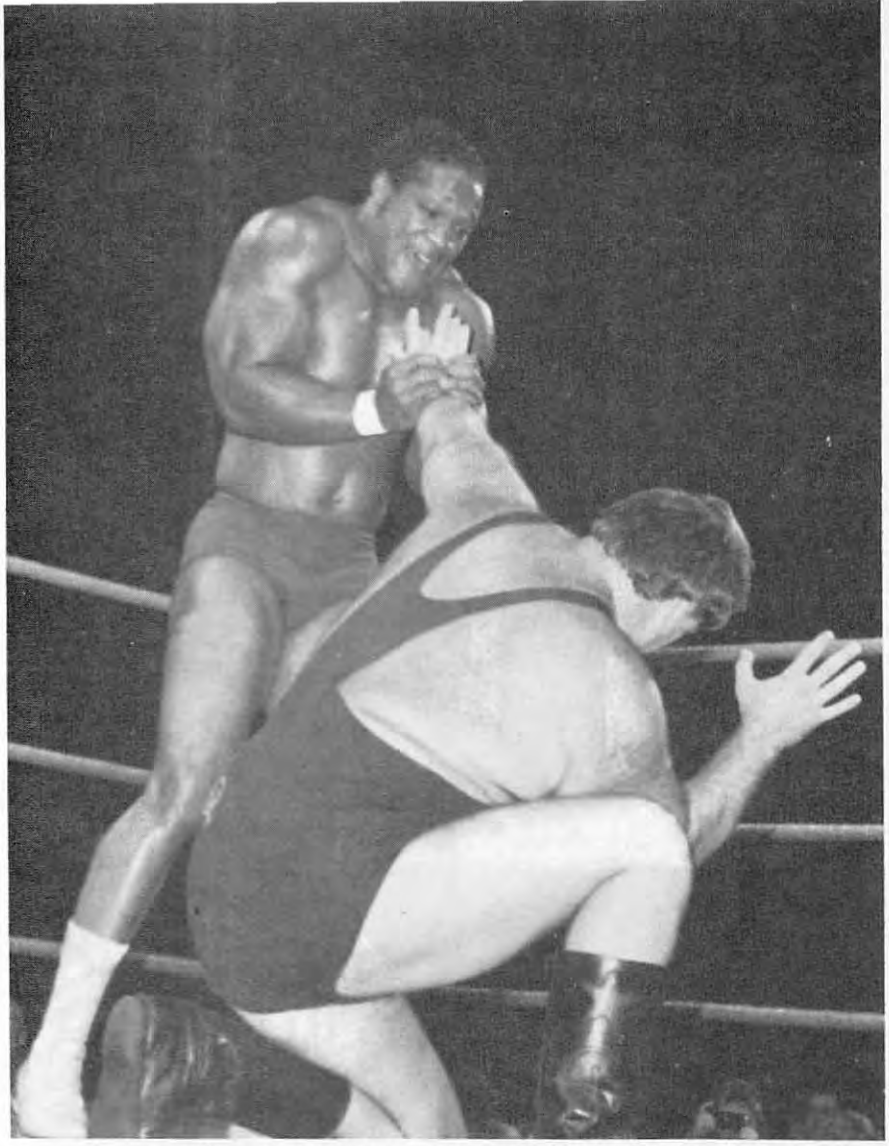
The next match offered some terrific talent. A pair who never fail to thrill an audience with their maneuvers as a team and amuse with their antics are the Fabulous Ones, Steve Keirn and Stan Lane. Occupying the opposite corner was the newly formed team of the self-proclaimed "Living Legend" Larry Zbyszko and the AWA Junior Champion, Steve Regal.

Chris Markoff causes Atlas considerable pain.

Regal and Zbyszko are a fairly new combination as a team but it is by no means a safe assumption that it makes them vulnerable. They are a very formidable and dangerous pair. Their approach leans toward diversionary tactics designed to minimize their actual physical exertion in a match. But should this method fail, they possess many other "tricks of the trade" as well as exceptional wrestling ability. Their first efforts, though, are to try and frustrate or anger their opponents into making that one costly mistake. A mistake which you can be sure will be capitalized on.

Keirn and Lane took the position of aggressors by trying to frustrate and anger Zbyszko and Regal. The strategy was to play their game rather than being the victims of it. Their numerous innuendos and gestures delighted the fans in support

Rick's pain is evident as he tries to reverse rather than submit to Bockwinkle's Figure Four.



Atlas regains control with a painful Arm Twist.

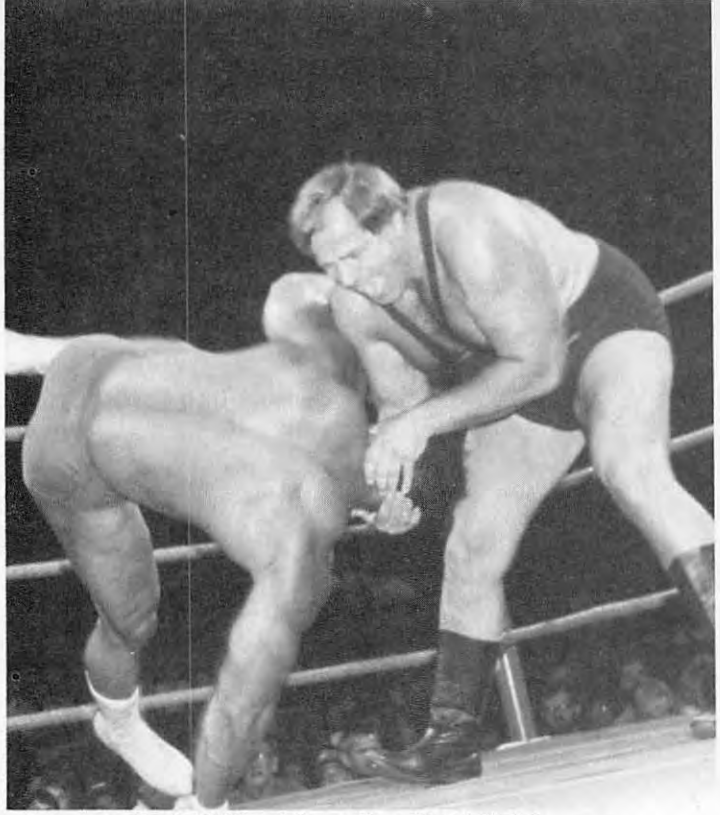
of the Fabs. But while the Fabs were so occupied, the corner man for their opponents was also industriously employed in untying the strings of the turnbuckle pads. As soon as the deed was done, Zbysko slammed Lane into the corner just as Regal lifted the pad. Keirn and Lane were not about to lay down and fall to their 'tricks of the trade'. Zbyszko happened to be handy for most of the return treatment. While I'm sure he probably knows how a bare turnbuckle feels, Lane wanted to be sure by giving back a little of that 'trick'. Lane also foiled their attempt to double team him. While Larry held him from outside the ropes, Regal aimed a right for his chin. Stan went limp and slipped from Larry's grasp just in time for Regal's punch to land solidly on his partners nose. The Fabs went on to counter Zbyszko's attempts to use such maneuvers as the Pile Driver and abdominal stretch to emerge as victors.

The next official match lasted only as long as a ten count but that was after the fight. Jim Brunzell was first to enter the ring. The crowd shouted encouragement as he paced the mat with a look of serious concentration while he awaited his opponent. His profession is wrestling but Brunzell knew this wouldn't be a match. This fact was confirmed as the animalistic, Bruiser Brody came barrelling into the ring. Brody charged and threw Jim threw the ropes and onto the floor without even a pause in motion. His continued assault managed to clear spectators from their seats on both sides of the aisle. When he couldn't find a chair to wield at Burnzell, he resorted to swinging the heavy metal posts that support the ropes which are supposed to separate the crowd from the combatants. Brody's seemingly deranged mind never has (or perhaps isn't capable of) thoughts of caring for the safety of the people his actions jeopardize.

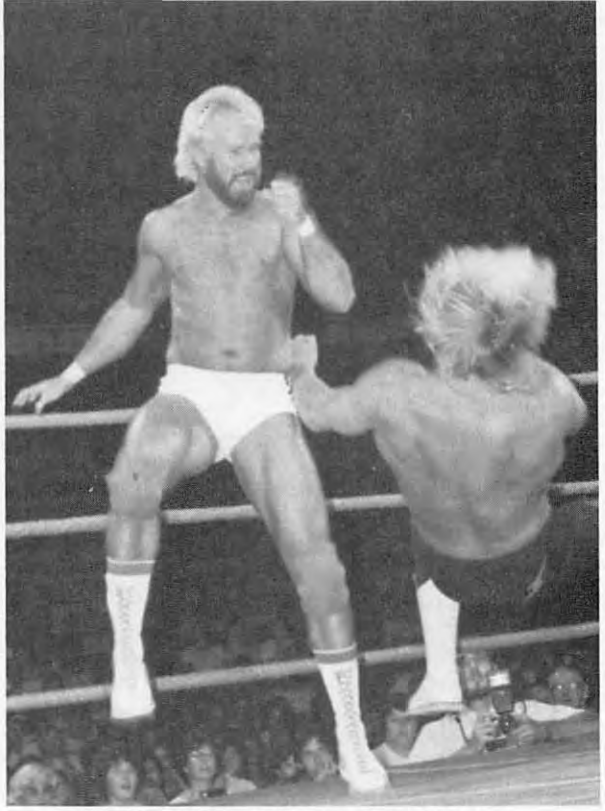
Just as abruptly as he had entered the arena Brody left. Brunzell cautiously made his way back to the ring to await Brody's anticipated second attack. His suspected return never materialized. The bell was finally rung and the referee began his count on Brody. Jim Brunzell was declared the winner.

Intermission allowed seats to be returned to their correct positions and nerves to be calmed before the next match set them off again.

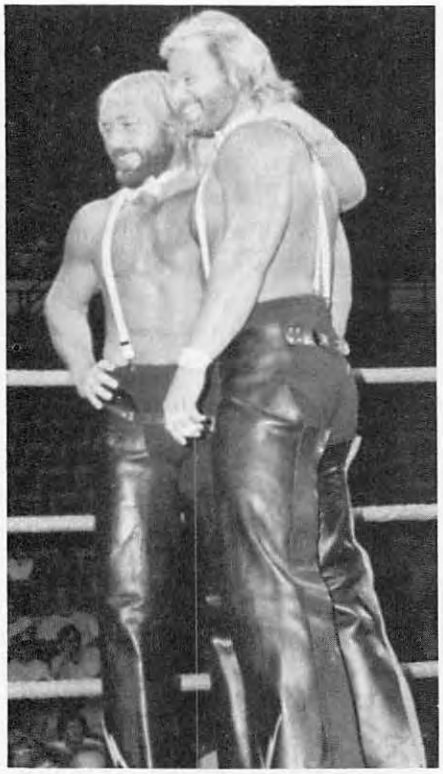
Stan tries for the pin with a Sunset Flip.



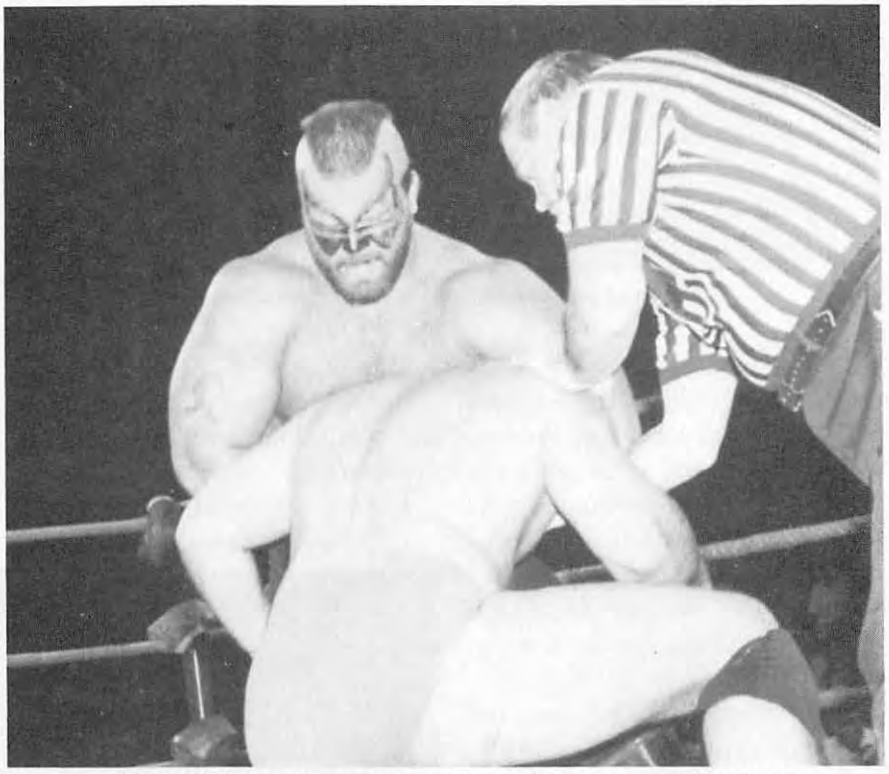
Markoff flips Atlas with a Head Twist.



Kiern is decked by Regal's elbow.



The Fabs pose for the fans.

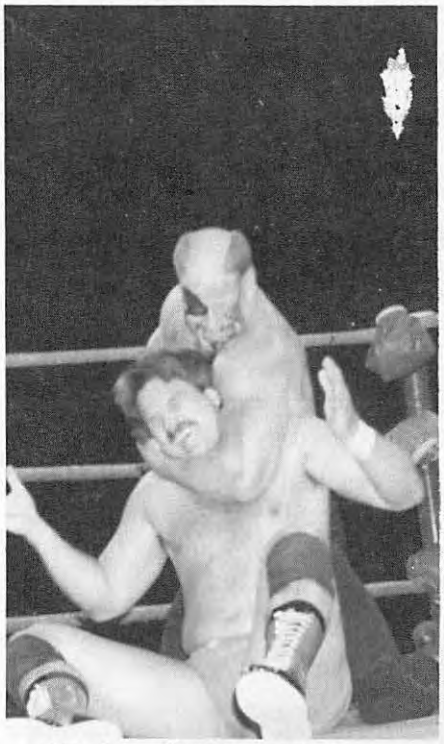


The ref checks for a choke as Animal clamps down on Steve.

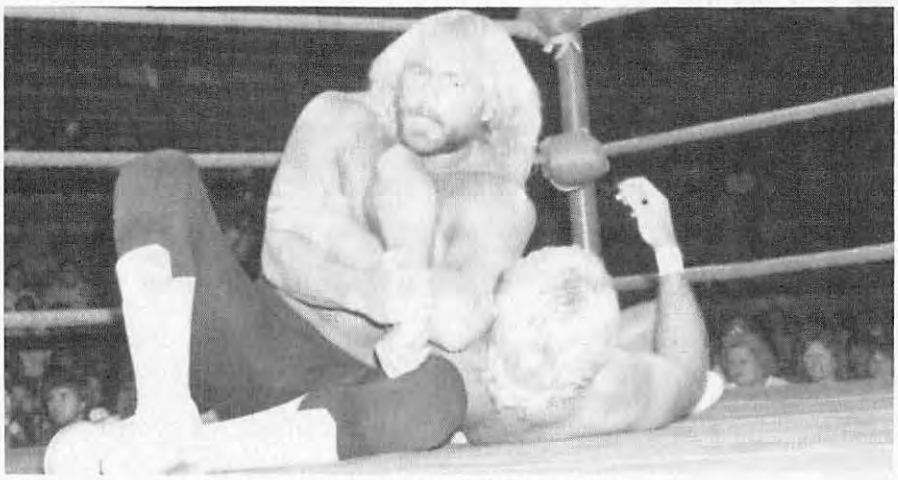
The impressive duo of Curt Henning and Steve 'O' stepped out for a shot at the massive bulk of the Road Warriors. Jeers and insults as to the true masculinity of these two mammoth men and their manager instigated shouting and spitting matches between at least one of the faction and some of the fans. The character of this team thrives on this type of scene. It serves in firing up their instincts to maul or maim whatever comes within reach.

Curt and Steve put forth an honorable effort to meet and defeat them with wrestling skills enhanced by their agility and speed. But when faced with the tremendous force of even a single blow dealt by Animal or Hawk, the odds are slim to none of coming out on top. And should anything threaten to tilt the scales in their opponents favor, they always have the willing assistance of their manager, Paul Ellering.

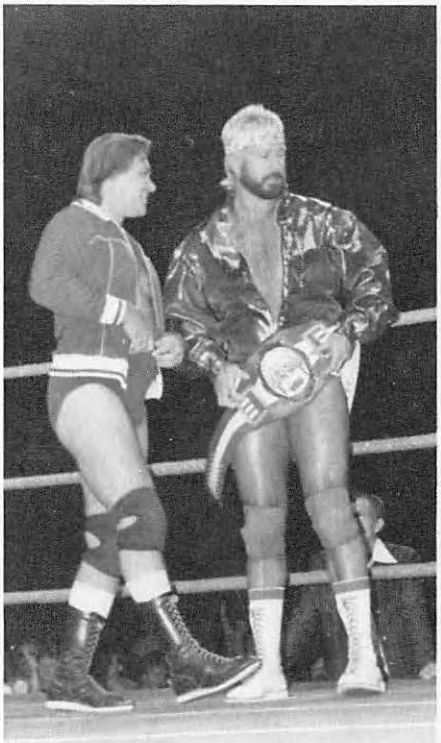
The main event alone would have



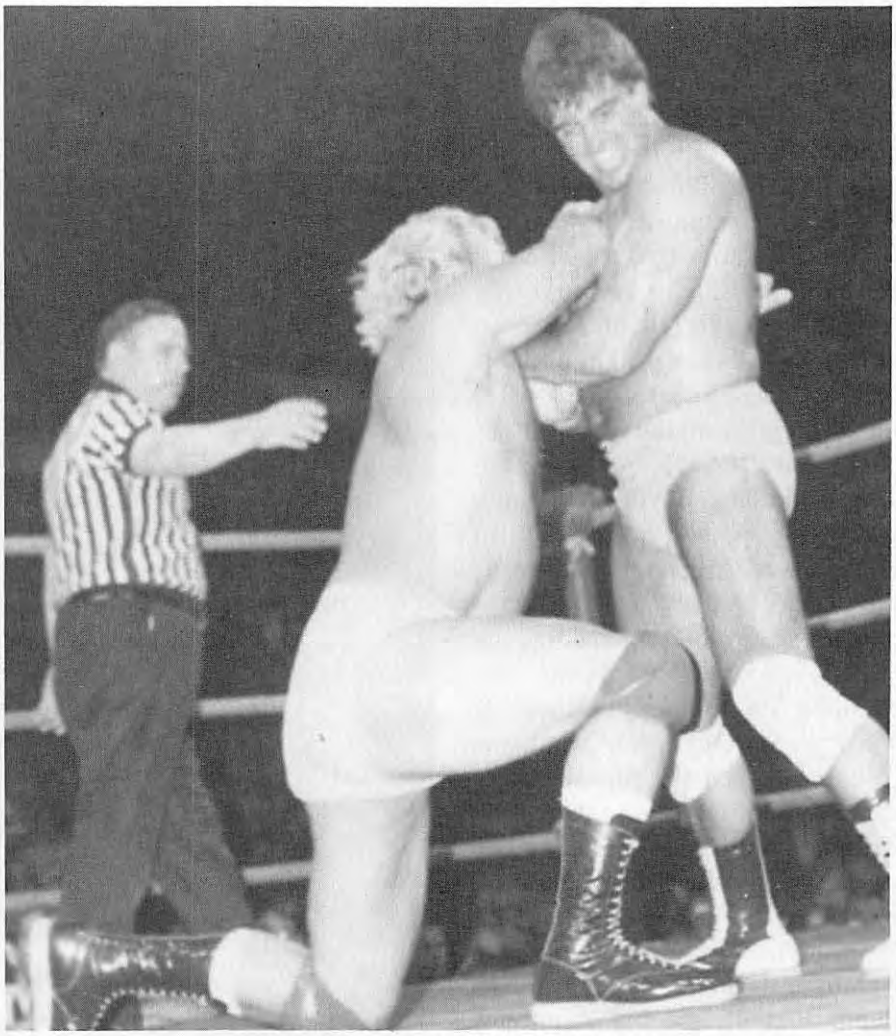
Hawk applies the pressure.



Kiern works on Regal's arm.



Regal and Zbyszko show little concern for their opponent's popularity.



Martel powers Bockwinkel to his knees.

been worth the price of admission. Rick Martel was defending his AWA Championship against its former holder, Nick Bockwinkel. Martel had met the man many times before in this four-cornered ring. Those times he had been the challenger to Bockwinkel's title and had always come up short. He finally secured the Championship by upsetting Tsuruta who had only recently taken it from Nick.

It had been a long time in coming and there was no way Martel was going to let it go while he was still able to offer any kind of resistance. Rick is young, fit and determined; he gives all that he has. As the old adage goes, "it's not the size of the man in the fight but the size of the fight in the man."

Even against Bockwinkel's figure four, Martel refused to submit. With pain intensified by his own struggling, he managed to reverse the hold and retain his prized title. □

MATCH OF THE MONTH

THE SHEEPHERDERS vs. THE ZAMBUIE EXPRESS

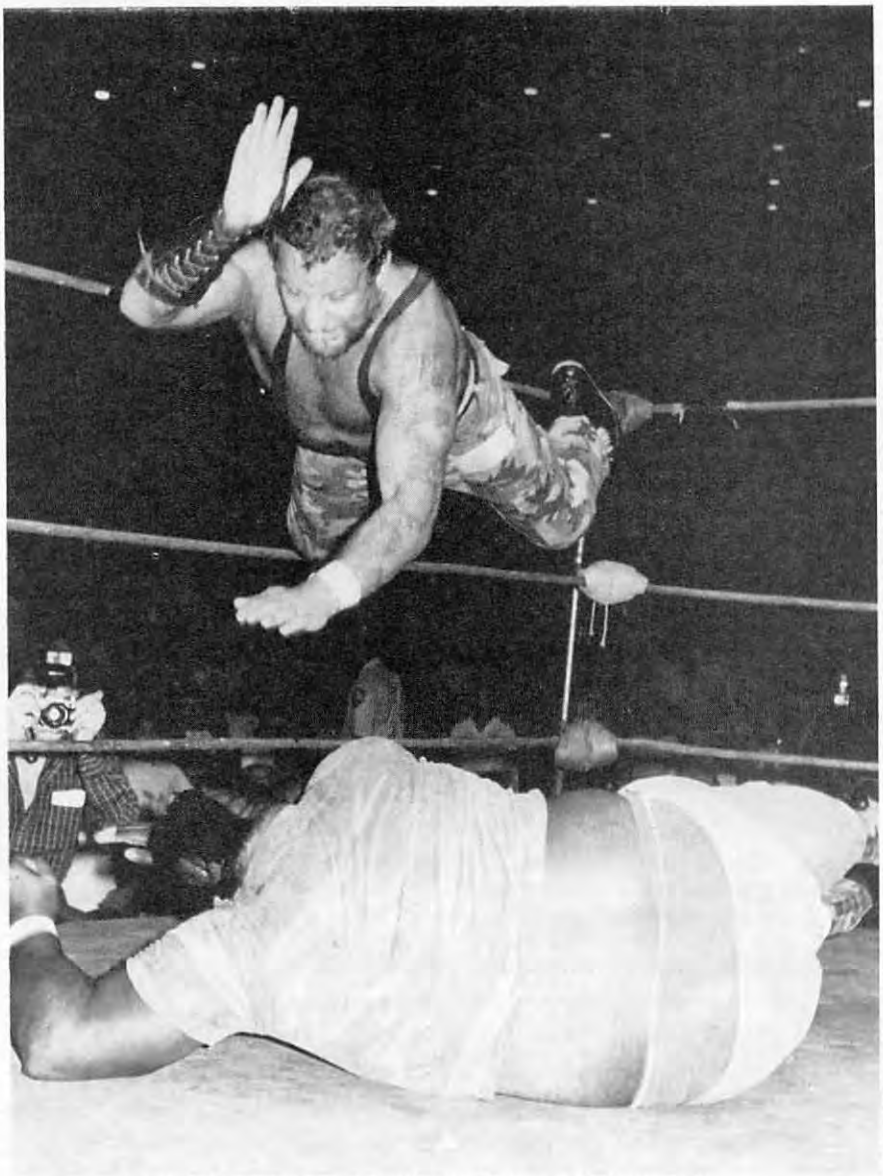
San Antonio, Texas

By George Napolitano

Southwest promoter Joe Blanchard scoured the wrestling world in the hopes of acquiring someone able to drive the Sheepherders out of Texas and came up with 690 pounds of sheer terror, the Zambuie Express: Elijah Akeem and Kareem Muhammed. It was Mr. Blanchard's hope that the Zambuies would be able to accomplish a feat that no other team has been able to do in over a year and that is defeat the wild Sheepherders. After much haggling on the part of Blanchard and the Sheepherders' manager Jonathan Boyd, the match was finally signed for the beautiful Hemisphere Arena in San Antonio, Texas. As Blanchard accompanied the Zambuies to the ring the crowd went wild. Everyone was standing on their seats cheering wildly in anticipation of what was to come. When the Sheepherders came to the ring waving their New Zealand flag, the Texas fans immediately let their displeasure be known. From the moment the Sheepherders entered the ring the Zambuie Express were all over them. In fact, the big Zambuies controlled the entire battle with the Sheepherders only getting in a few cheap shots.

After twenty-five minutes of pure mayhem the referee declared the bout "no contest". However, promoter Joe Blanchard immediately stripped the titles from the Sheepherders for their wild uncontrollable actions. As we go to press, the belts are stil being held up but Jonathan Boyd has now been negotiating night and day with promoter Blanchard in hopes of signing a championship bout between the Sheepherders and the Zambuie Express.

Action highlights of the wild tag team bout that precipitated the stripping of the belts from the Sheepherders have been captured on the pages of Wrestling's MAIN EVENT. □



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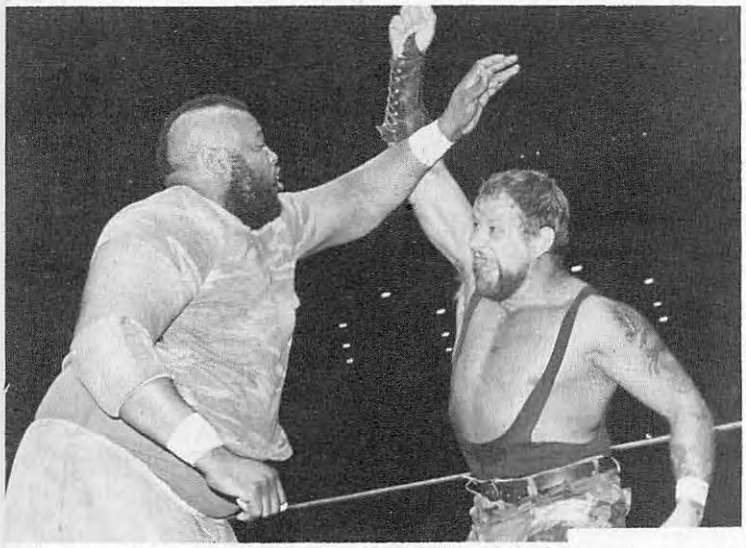
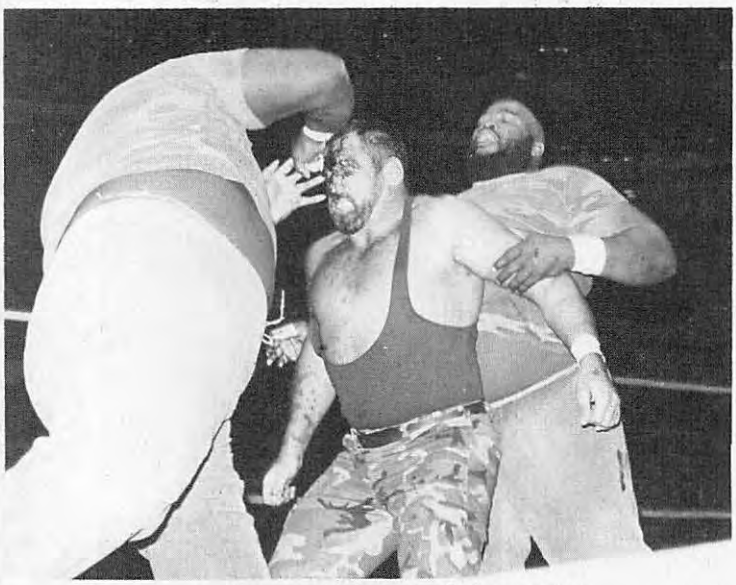
Luke Williams leaps on a fallen Kareem Muhammed.



Elijah Akeem blocks Luke Williams's blow.

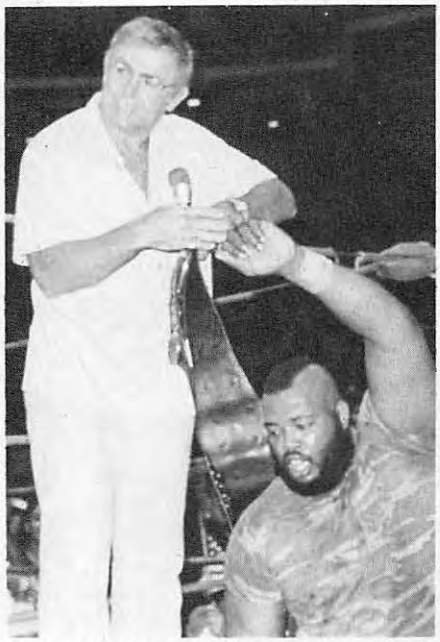
Elijah Akeem bangs Luke Williams into the turnpost.



Kareem Muhammed slugs away.

Kareem Muhammed backs Butch Miller into the corner.

Elijah Akeem smashes a chair over Butch Miller's head.



Promotor Joe Blanchard raises Elijah Akeem's arm in victory.

Butch Miller chokes Kareem Muhammed.

. Luke Williams is out cold!

Promoter Blanchard indicated that Kareem Muhammed and Elijah Akeem are the victors.

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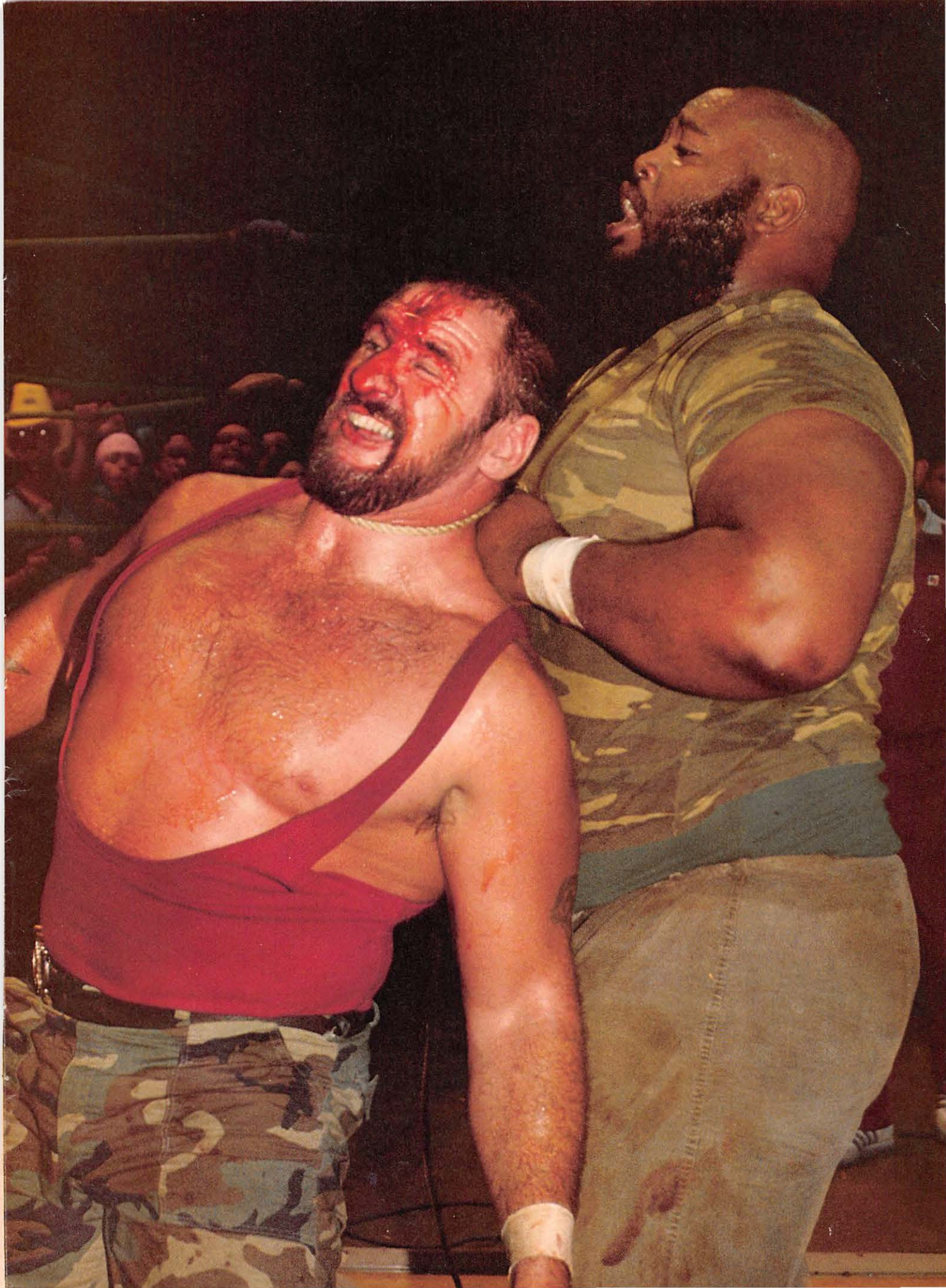


MR. EBONY: THE BLACK TERROR IS UNLEASHED ON THE NORTHWEST

by Jay Hamm

A black terror has been unleashed on the Pacific Northwest. Who knows what lurks behind the red and black mask of the newest member of Oliver's Clan? Mr. Ebony, as the black terror calls himself, is somewhat of a mystery.

This muscular black wrestling star hails from parts unknown. He has refused to reveal much of anything about his past. The only thing he would say was that he received his training to be a wrestler in Boston over 15 years ago and that he has really come into his own over the past five or six years.

"When I started in professional wrestling I didn't win any matches," he confessed. "I was grossly underweight, carrying only 190 pounds into the ring."

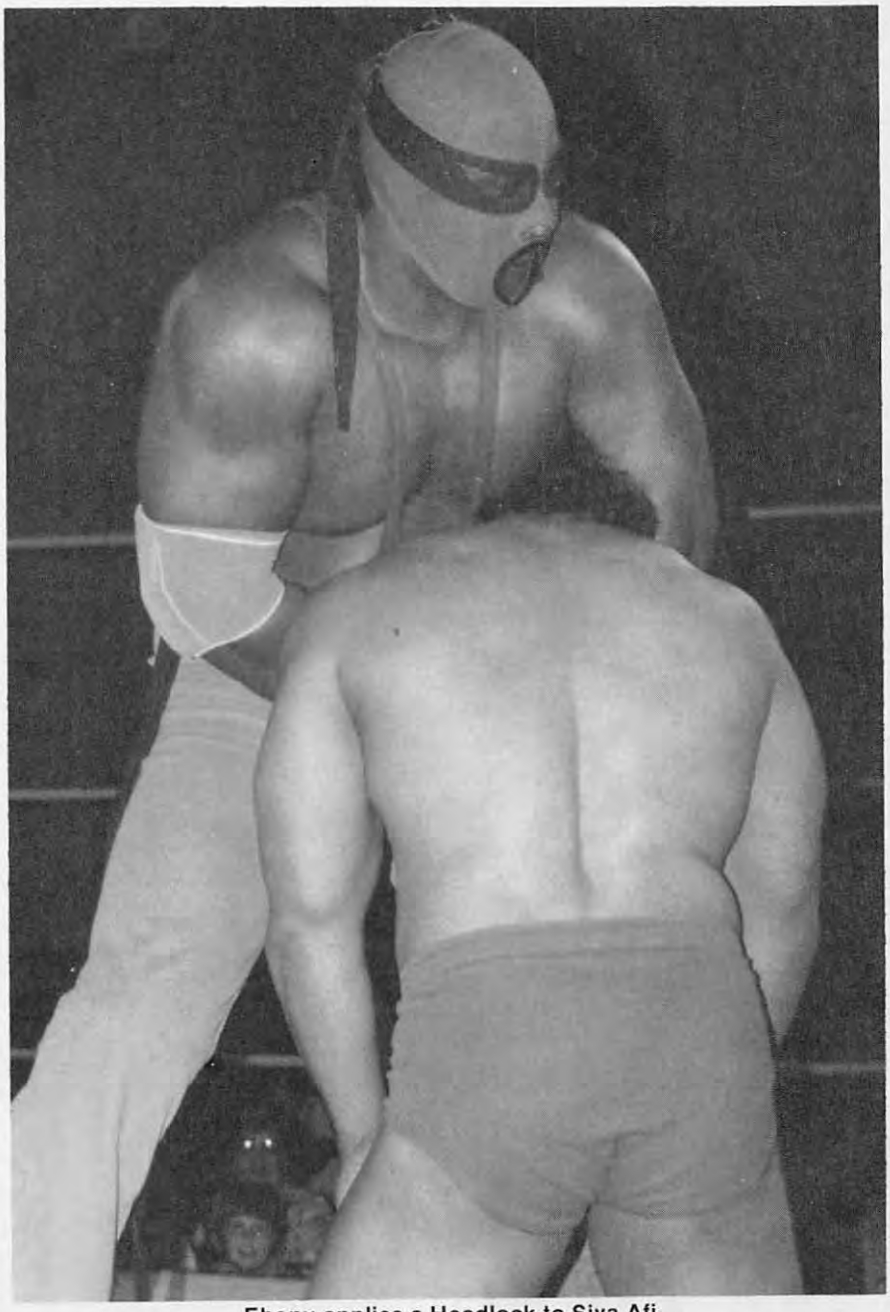
"It took me ten years to get where I'm at today, 240 pounds of solid muscle, wrestling talent and a member of Oliver's Clan."

The Clan is not the first wrestling organization with which Mr. Ebony has been affiliated. Before coming to the Northwest he was a member of Devastation Incorporated led by the infamous "General" Scandor Akbar.

"Akbar was very good to me," said Ebony. "He treated me like a real gentleman. He would tell me what he wanted. If I couldn't do what Scandor wanted he would take me to the gym and work on it with me. In my estimation Scandor Akbar is the number one manager in the sport today."

Rip "The Crippler" Oliver was the mastermind in bringing Mr. Ebony to the Pacific Northwest. Ebony with his Spiderman-like mask and martial arts training is a welcome addition to the Clan.

"I've known Rip Oliver for quite some time," related Ebony. "We



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Ebony applies a Headlock to Siva Afi.

Ebony grabs Afi by the throat.

Ebony Seat Drops Afi.

use to be partners when Rip was battering opponents down south. Recently he called me and said that he needed a tough man to join his Clan. I was interested, so Rip got together with Akbar who was holding my contract, negotiated a deal and here I am busting heads in the Northwest."

Like Oliver's Clan, Devastation Inc. was also a three man operation with Ebony, Missing Link and the Mongol backing each other up.

"Being in a three man organization makes me feel more comfortable, I know that Rip Oliver and the Assassin will be there watching my back. If I get into any serious problems I know that my partners will be there."

Title belts and money are the main goals of this black star as he ventures into the Northwest. "My main goal is, as any wrestler's main goal, the World Heavyweight Championship held by Ric Flair. My short range outlook is to win any and all titles this area has to offer. As you know, most men in Oliver's Clan hold titles, so whoever has them at the moment, I want them. I'll do whatever I have to do to put those belts exactly where they belong, around Mr. Ebony's waist."

Afi turns the tables on Ebony.

Ebony means this literally as he has already pounded, stomped and gouged his way through most of the top talent in the area. One man who has given him a little trouble is "Maniac" Matt Borne.

"Matt Borne has been the toughest man I've faced since entering the Northwest. I'm a man who gives credit when credit is due. Borne is a hard man to beat, but I will overcome him just like I have overcome all the rest."

In overcoming his opponents, Mr. Ebony is not one to use scientific maneuvers. He, as all the men in the Clan, tend to bend the rules.

"Whatever does the job for you, that's what you do. If a cheap shot does it, then you have to do what you have to do to win a match."

In talking with the masked man he told of the great pain and punishment that all masked wrestlers must go through to keep their identity a secret.

"Wearing a mask messes up your vision and your breathing. You basically have to learn to wrestle all over again. Once you get use to the mask, it's the best thing going." Ebony went on to say, "wearing a mask is all to your advantage, you can hide your expressions. If you're in pain or do have injury, your opponent never knows."

The fans have already taken a major dislike to Mr. Ebony, saying that he uses his mask and ring garb to an unfair advantage against his opponents.

"The fans are rowdy and that's the way I like it. The more they scream, holler and throw things at me the meaner I get in the ring. As for using my attire or loading up my mask, I never do that. That's not saying I might not do it someday. That's for me to know and for my opponents to find out . . . the hard way."

Watch out for Mr. Ebony because he is here, ready and setting the wrestling world on fire! □

THE AWA STORMS INTO THE ST. PAUL CIVIC CENTER

by Marvin S. Gordon

On July 15, 1984, The St. Paul Civic Center was proud to host an exciting AWA card featuring the following matches:

Tony Atlas vs. Steve Regal: Atlas' superior strength was too much for Regal as the former Mr. USA won the match by a pinfall.

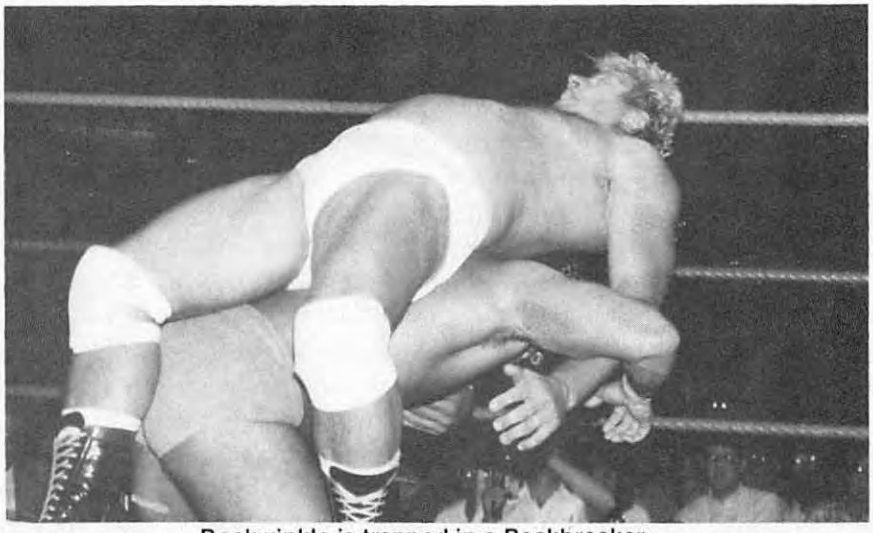
Road Warriors vs. Curt Hennig and Steve O': The Road Warriors pounded their way to victory over their overmatched opponents.

Crusher vs. Abdullah the Butcher: Abdullah DQed for hitting the referee during a bout that featured much mayhem and very little wrestling.

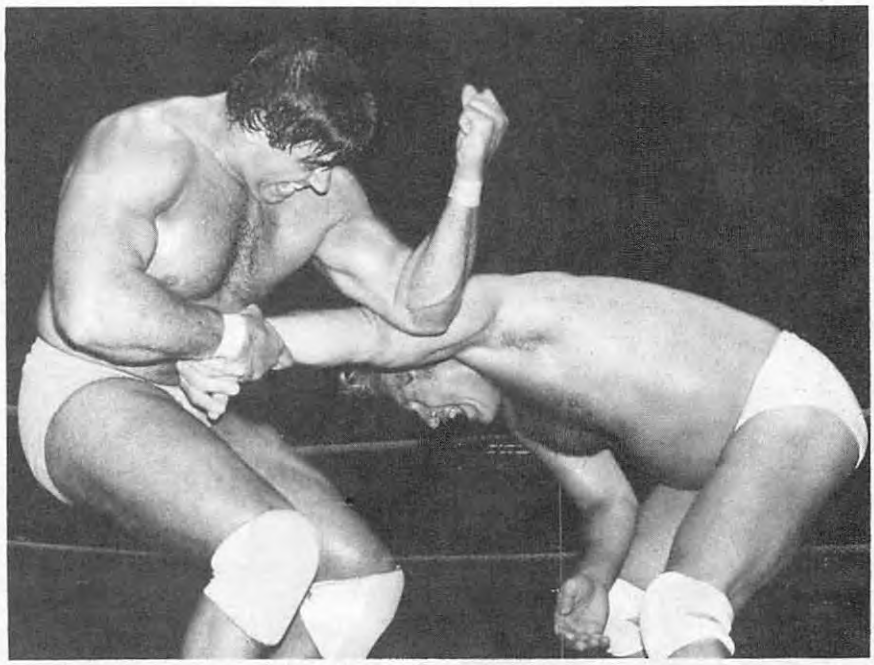
Fabulous Ones vs. Mr. Saito and Larry Zybysko: Fabulous Ones running true to form overcame this tough duo.

Jim Brunzell vs. Bruiser Brody: Brunzell was declared the winner when the wild Brody refused to stop choking Brunzell outside the ring with a folding chair.

Rick Martel vs. Nick Bockwinkle: This was the main event and deservedly so. This was a terrific match that saw Bockwinkle almost reclaim his belt on a number of occasions. Ultimately Martel emerged victorious. When both wrestlers were cradled with their shoulders to the mat it was Martel who managed to raise one shoulder before the three count. □



Bockwinkle is trapped in a Backbreaker.



Martel works on Bockwinkle's arm.

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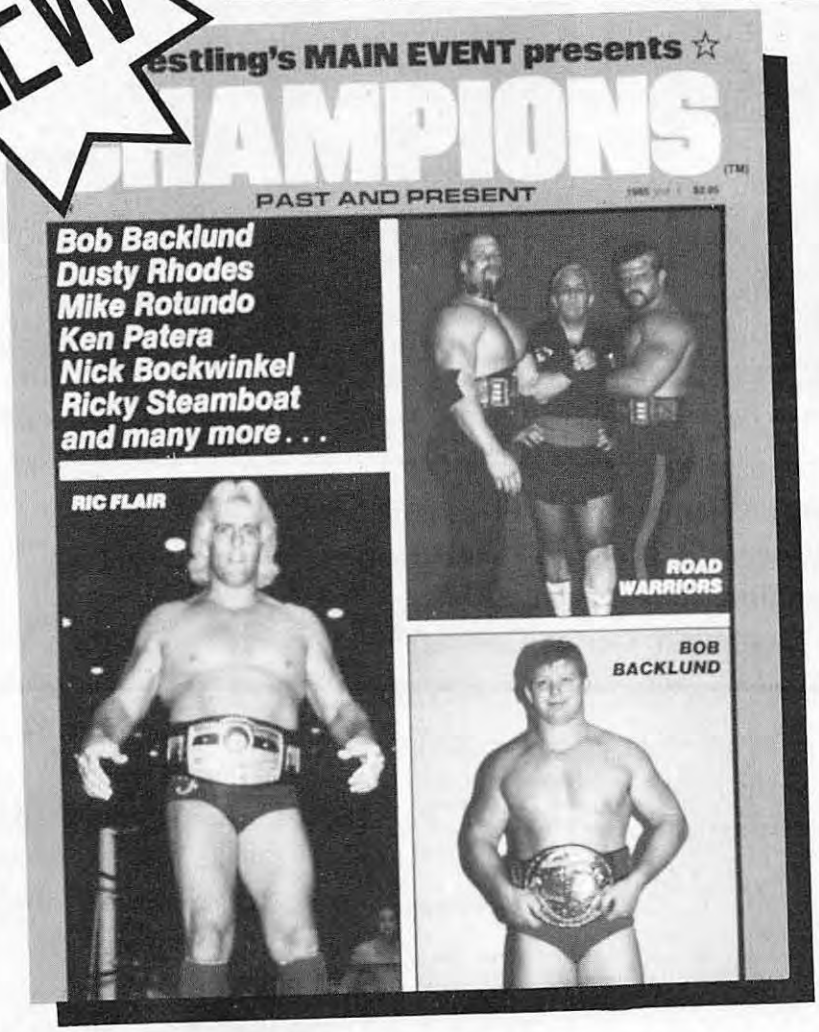

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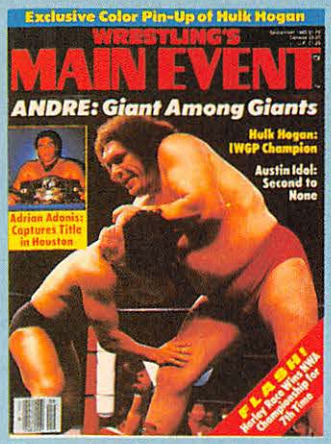

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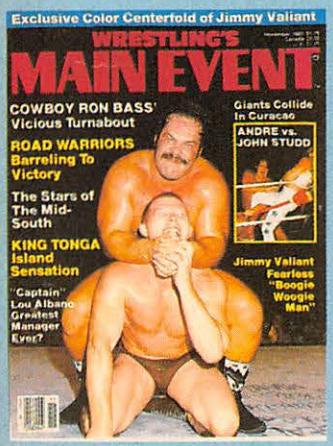

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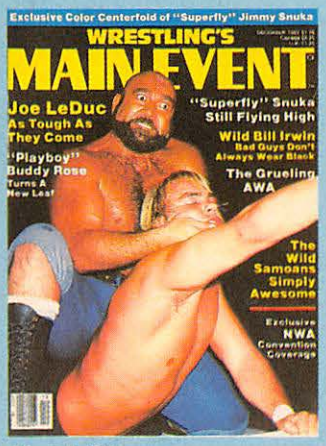

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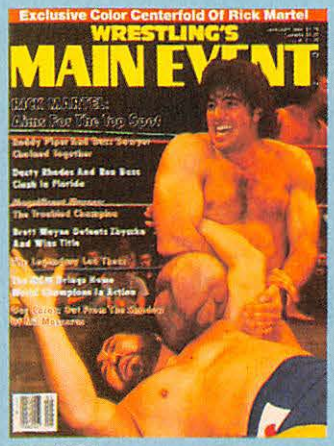

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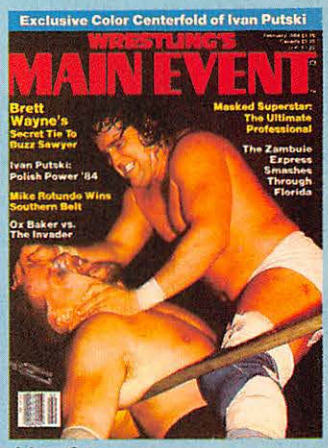

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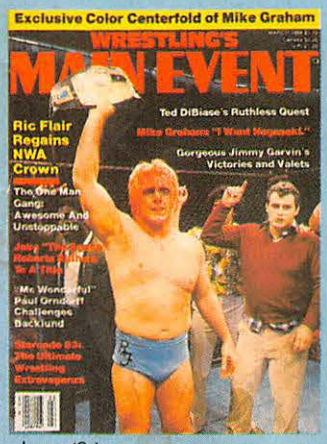

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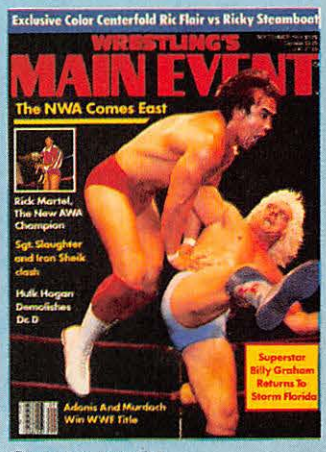

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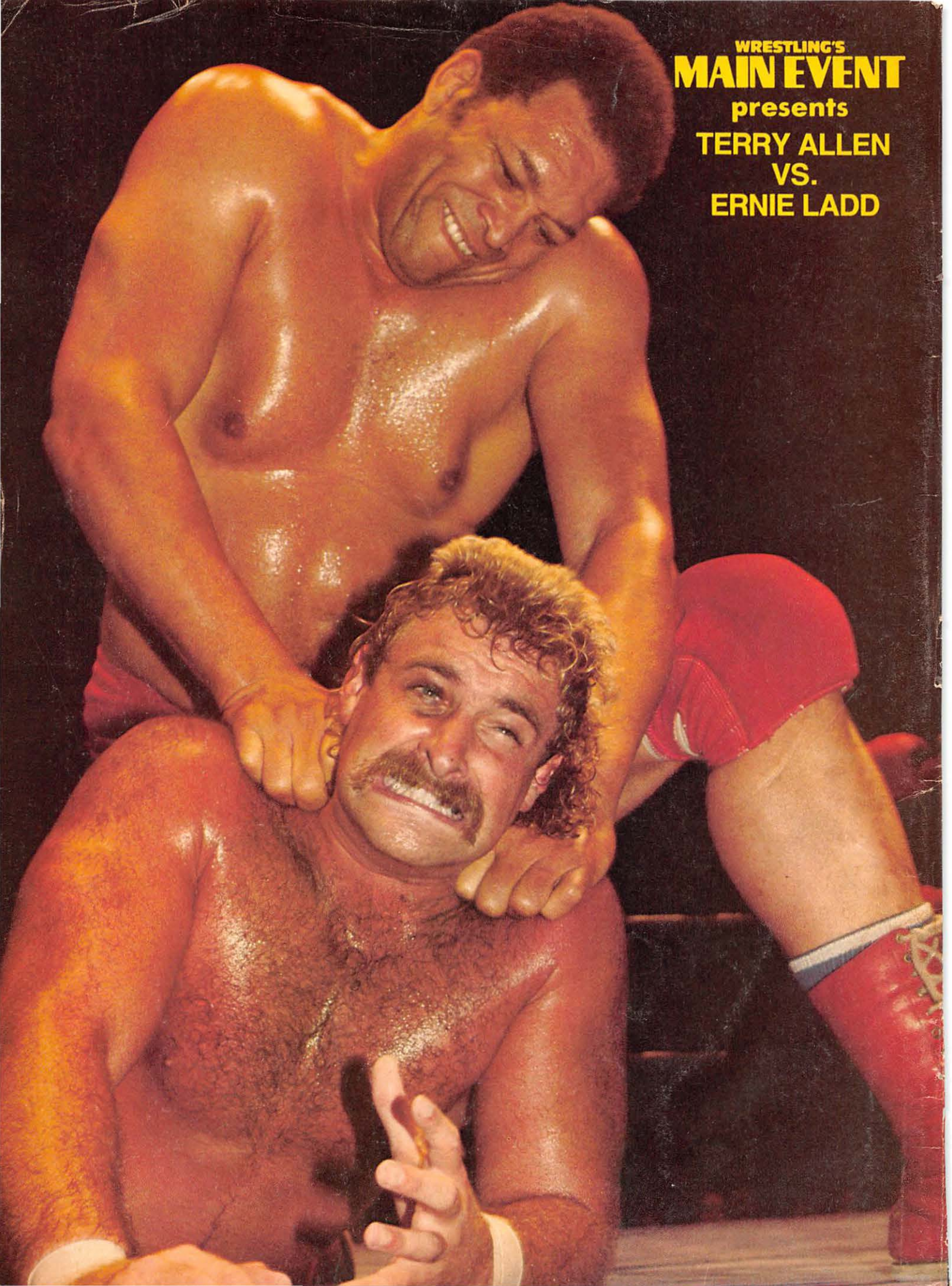
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